

THE *Gracious* Host



Hospitality and Suffering

Luke 24:13-35

IN SERMON NOTES

HOST'S TIP



*Christian hospitality
does not avoid suffering;
it makes room for people
within it.*

ONE THING

*A single truth I want
to remember this week...*



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TABLE TALK

LifeGroup Questions.

1. Where do you see yourself in the story of the Emmaus road—walking away from hope, or just beginning to understand?
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2. The disciples said, “We had hoped that he was the one who was going to redeem Israel.” What hopes or expectations have you had of God that were challenged by suffering?
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3. What does this story teach us about how Jesus meets people in their disappointment and confusion?
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4. Jesus opened the Scriptures to the disciples before He revealed Himself in the breaking of bread. Why do you think understanding the story of God is so important before we recognize Him?
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5. The disciples invited a stranger to stay with them before they knew it was Jesus. How does this challenge the way we approach hospitality?
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6. In what ways can our tables—at home, at church, and in everyday life—be places where people encounter the presence of Christ?
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7. How might God be inviting you to “stay” with someone who is hurting or disillusioned, just as Jesus stayed with the disciples on the road to Emmaus?

SHOPPING LIST

A few ingredients for practicing hospitality this week.

- ☐ Read Luke 24:13–35 this week and thank Jesus for walking with us in our moments of confusion and grief.
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- ☐ Share a meal, coffee, or conversation with someone this week. Practice Jesus’ table manners: welcome, service, and humility.
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- ☐ Before one meal this week, pause to remember Christ’s self-giving love and pray that His life would be visible in yours.
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READ & REFLECT

Read Luke 24:13–35 throughout the week.

Reflect on how Jesus walks with us in our sorrow, opens the Scriptures to us, and reveals Himself at the table. Ask God to make Jesus’ presence known to you and through you as you invite others to stay and share in His life.

