

**The Plan**  
Luke 24:13-35

In this our final study in the gospel of Luke, Jesus lays out “the plan” for how the gospel of Christ would be spread throughout the whole earth. At the heart of Jesus’ plan is faith-filled, Spirit-empowered, convinced disciples who share the good news of the risen Christ. The great thing about this plan is that it’s not dependent on whether one lives in a country that is tolerant toward religion or one that persecutes Christians. It’s not dependent upon one’s education, or wealth, or status in society. It’s not even dependent on one’s own personal past. What it does depend on is our obedience. And so the question is, how will we respond? Will we be obedient to “the plan”?

**Opening Discussion:** What he been the most helpful part of this study in the gospel of Luke?

**Read Luke 24:36-53**

1. What sticks out to you in this passage?
2. What kind of doubts do you think the disciples were experiencing (v. 38)? And what are all the things Jesus does to help them believe it is really him, risen from the dead?
3. In verses 44-47, what does Jesus want his followers to understand? How does he help them understand?
4. What does this passage say about the mission of the disciples and thus about the mission church? In other words, what is “the plan”?
5. What is the “promise” that Jesus was going to send (v. 49)?

6. Why do you think the disciples returned to Jerusalem with great joy, Jesus had after all just left them to return to heaven (v. 52)?
  
7. How did Jesus' followers change from verses 37-43 to verses 52-53? What was the process?
  
8. If you didn't know anything about Luke's next book, Acts, what would you expect it to contain, based on the end of Luke?
  
9. What do you believe it means for you to be obedient to the plan that Jesus has given to the church to carry out his mission?

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### Practicing the Rhythms of Rooted this Week

Daily Devotion | Prayer | Repentance | Sacrificial Generosity | Serve the Community | Share Your Story | Worship



**Daily Devotion:** Next Sunday we begin a new sermon series on the book of Colossians. Try to read it once or twice this week.



**Share Your Story:** Pray daily this week that God would give you a willing heart and open eyes to see the spiritual needs around you and then go into the day looking for opportunities to love people and possibly share a word for Jesus.