



Pastor Ed Kemp

MESSAGE NOTES

Sunday, April 23

Introduction

Now while they were telling these things, *Jesus Himself suddenly* stood in their midst and said to them, “Peace *be* to you.”³⁷ But they were startled and frightened, and thought that they were looking at a spirit.³⁸ And He said to them, “Why are you frightened, and why are doubts arising in your hearts? ³⁹See My hands and My feet, that it is I Myself; touch Me and see, because a spirit does not have flesh and bones as you *plainly* see that I have.”⁴⁰ And when He had said this, He showed them His hands and His feet.⁴¹ While they still could not believe *it* because of their joy and astonishment, He said to them, “Have you anything here to eat?”⁴² They served Him a piece of broiled fish;⁴³ and He took it and ate *it* in front of them.

44Now He said to them, "These are My words which I spoke to you while I was still with you, that all the things that are written about Me in the Law of Moses and the Prophets and the Psalms must be fulfilled." 45Then He opened their minds to understand the Scriptures, 46and He said to them, "So it is written, that the Christ would suffer and rise from the dead on the third day, 47and that repentance for forgiveness of sins would be proclaimed in His name to all the nations, beginning from Jerusalem. 48You are witnesses of these things. 49And behold, I am sending the promise of My Father upon you; but you are to stay in the city until you are clothed with power from on high."

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Jesus the Philosopher: Acceptance
Luke 24:36-53, April 20 & 23, 2023

Prayer Requests:

Group Discussion: Did you pick your career because of: 1. Right place, right time? 2. Your mental interests fit the job? 3. Your physical skills fit the job?

Read out loud: Luke 24:36-53,

Jesus equipped us to serve Him with:

#1. The tangible proof of His physical resurrection.

The disciples were having a hard time believing Jesus was actually physically alive so He ate a piece of fish as evidence that He was alive and fully human. If the disciples were having a hard time believing Jesus was alive and fully human, why do I think I'd have more faith if I saw Him alive? Review the ideas of Public beliefs, Private beliefs, and Core belief statements from the message on Sunday.

- What are some public beliefs that people might say they believe outwardly to make an impression but with which they struggle inwardly?
- What are private beliefs which can change with emotions or circumstances?
- What are core beliefs and how have I and God been developing them?

#2. His personal approval on the authority of Scripture.

What do you think of the statement, "God said it, I believe it, that settles it!" Pastor Ed believes in the grammatical-historical-structural interpretation of Scripture, why does he think that's the best way to interpret? Has that style of Biblical interpretation helped you understand the Bible? How has it helped you in your Bible reading?

#3. The Holy Spirits' powerful presence to lead us to live well.

Read Galatians 5:19-24. Review the deeds of the flesh and then review the fruit of the Spirit. How do they contrast? What characteristic of the fruit do you want to work on most? Luke 24:52 says, "They returned to Jerusalem with great joy..." John Ortberg recently shared a daily strategy for developing more joy, he said every morning when you get out of bed recite, "This is the day that the Lord has made, let us rejoice and be glad in it." and then intentionally smile. If you don't like this strategy, come up with another one. The goal is to build joy! What do you think of the statement, "The reality of Christianity sets it apart from every other religion."

Family Time: Luke 24:51 states, "And it came about while he was blessing them, He parted from them." Read this verse as you're putting your kids to bed and then bless them. "I bless your mind for with it you can read God's Word. I bless your hands for with them you can serve others in Jesus name. I bless your mouth for with it you can speak encouraging words to others. I bless your soul for with it you can feel the joy of the Lord." Then pray and depart from them just like Jesus!!!