



How to Make Bible Reading a Delight Luke 24:44-49

Looking At (my life):

This morning Pastor Tim shared about the process from the desire to do something, to being disciplined in doing it, and then delighting in it. *Where have you experienced this in life? What do you delight in today that began as a desire, and because of your discipline to it, it is now a delight? Which one of these words (desire, discipline, delight) describe your current Bible reading?*

Looking In (my Bible):

Invite the Holy Spirit into your Bible reading!

⁴⁵ “Then He opened their minds to understand the Scriptures.”

Living Out (my obedience):

Invite the Holy Spirit into your Bible reading!

This week, I will invite the Holy Spirit into my Bible reading...

Heavenly Father, as the disciples needed Jesus to open their eyes to the Scriptures, so I need the Holy Spirit to open my eyes and guide me in reading my Bible. Holy Spirit, as I open my Bible, open my heart and eyes to what You would speak to me. In Jesus' Name. Amen

Word Nerd (good stuff that didn't make it into the message):

- When Jesus shows His disciples His hands and feet in Luke 24:41, a curious phrase occurs in the text. It states His disciples “still disbelieved for joy and were marveling...” Most translations state something similar, which to me, is a fascinating paradox. To be in state of “disbelief” isn't usually associated with joy, yet this was what was taking place in the disciples' lives when Jesus revealed Himself to them! May Jesus move in the church with “disbelieving joy!”
- The idea of something being “opened” is a reoccurring theme in Luke 24. First, the eyes of the disciples on the road to Emmaus are opened (Verse 31). Then, these same two disciples refer to Jesus as having opened the Scriptures to them (Verse 32). Finally, Jesus opened the minds of His disciples to

understand the Scriptures (Verse 45). Adding to the significance of this is that the chapter begins and ends with two “opening” events—the open tomb on Easter morning and (presumably) the open heavens as Jesus ascends to the Father forty days later. It’s worth pondering how the Gospel writer Luke is emphasizing the power of God to open, whether it is to open a tomb, the Scriptures, or the minds of people. *What do you desire Jesus to “open” for you and/or for the church?*