

CHANGED FOR GOOD: WEEK 9 – Luke 24:13-49

This week we continue in the series Changed for Good. This week we get to celebrate Easter and all that comes with it. Before we do that, take a moment to look back at the passage we studied this past weekend, Ephesians 3:14-21.

1. Re-read Ephesians 3:14-21. As you think about Paul’s prayer for the church of Ephesus, what are you most challenged by? How can you participate in both challenging the generations above you, and preparing the generations below you?

2. Think back to the sermon this past weekend. Was there anything in the message that was particularly helpful or challenging to you? How has God been using that in your life? Take a moment and share that with your group.

Take a moment to review the “nail” for this past week. The “nail” is the main point that we want to drive deep into our hearts and allow the Spirit of God to change us, and use to help us look more like Jesus.

NAIL: To Him be Glory in the Church and in Christ Jesus throughout all Generations.

God’s fired up about His glory. He always has been, and always will be. But it is not only that God is fired up about His glory, but He desires for it to continue throughout all generations. Not limited to a particular group at a particular time, but for every generation to share in lifting high the name of Jesus.

Looking ahead to this coming weekend, take some time to read **Luke 24:13-49**. This passage recounts a personal encounter with Jesus and a couple of guys traveling to a nearby town. What is clear in this passage is how desperately these people wanted a Messiah. As you study this passage, try to imagine the initial shock, pain, sadness and then joy in realizing that Jesus was alive. Be challenged to not miss His obvious appearances in your life.

3. Read v. 13-16. Try to imagine these two men walking along the road. What are “these things that had happened” that they were talking about in v.14? Why do you think they were kept from recognizing Jesus? Have there been times in your life where Jesus clearly showed up, but you failed to see Him? What was it, and why do you think you were prevented from seeing Him?

4. Look at v.17-24. What is the traveler's initial response to Jesus in v.18? Why do you think Jesus responded the way that He did in v.19? What were these men hoping Jesus would do? In what areas of your life do you desire that God redeem?

5. Read v.25-35. Describe what happened in v.25-27. What would you most want Jesus to interpret to you from the Old Testament? What is significant about v.28? What principle can we draw concerning Jesus from this verse? In v.29-35 Jesus' identity is revealed to these men. What is their response? What is your response to Jesus as you approach this Easter? Is there anything in you that needs to change regarding your approach to Easter?

6. Read v. 36-43. Describe the disciples response to Jesus appearance. It is understandable why the disciples were so surprised when He showed up. Why do you think we are surprised when Jesus shows up in our lives today?

7. Read v. 44-49. In these verses Jesus explains why He had to die. He then gives instructions to the disciples in v.46-49. What were those instructions? How should those instructions challenge us today? As you think about Jesus' sacrifice this Easter, take a moment to thank Him for His incredible mercy. Write down some of the things that you are most thankful for this Easter.
