

# BEYOND THE SERMON

May 2, 2021 | Gritty faith is Powerful | Luke 24:44-53

## **Reflection & Discussion**

Read the passage and discuss the questions that follow.

What questions do you still have about the passage?

What are the main points or ideas in the passage?

What did you learn about God from this passage?

How does this passage apply to your life right now?

What is one concrete way you can live out this truth this week?

## **Digging Deeper**

How many times do you find the word “opened” in Chapter 24? What was opened each time and by whom? What does that tell you?

Looking through the lens of Scripture, read Acts 8:26-35 and 10:34-43. What does the text say was opened? What else did the Holy Spirit open?

The disciples were to share the gospel, starting in Jerusalem, where they were. We are called to “go” and make disciples, but first we must make disciples right where we are. How is that going for you? What challenges are you encountering? What challenges have you overcome in the discipleship of your family or with your closest friends?

Pastor Ryan challenged us that you can’t complain that you aren’t feeling the Spirit when you aren’t doing the very thing the Spirit was given for you to do (proclaim Jesus as His witness). He gave the analogy of complaining that a cow isn’t producing milk, when the problem is that it’s not being milked. He asked us to consider: When was the last time you shared your faith with a stranger?

Read Ephesians 6:18-20 and Colossians 4:3-4. What 2 things does Paul ask the people to pray will be opened? Pray these same things for each other.