



Week 1: Hope

In Luke 24:13–35, the risen Jesus meets two disciples on the road to Emmaus, disciples crushed by disappointment and saying, “*We had hoped.*” Their unmet expectations expose the false narratives they had attached to the Messiah, just as our disappointments reveal what we’ve been trusting. But Jesus draws near, reframes their story, and reveals that true hope isn’t found in outcomes, feelings, or circumstances, it’s found in Him. This Advent, we remember that hope is not an emotion the season gives us but a person who walks with us. In our waiting, our ache, and our disappointment, our living hope, Jesus, meets us, restores us, and invites us to trust His story over our own.

Discussion Questions:

1. The disciples expressed deep disappointment on the road to Emmaus. Where have you experienced a “we had hoped...” moment in your own life?
2. What did a recent disappointment reveal about where your trust was placed?
3. Which false narrative do you tend to believe? How is Jesus inviting you to release that narrative?
4. Jesus reframed the disciples’ understanding of the Messiah. Where might Jesus be reframing your understanding of hope right now?
5. What does it look like for you to walk with Jesus as your hope in this season?
6. Just as Jesus drew near to the disciples in confusion and disappointment, where do you sense Jesus drawing near to you right now?