



For eight weeks we've talked about unseen spiritual battles taking place behind the scenes. The good news for us is that Jesus won the battle. On Good Friday, the cross that was meant to kill means salvation for those who trust Jesus. On Easter Sunday we wrapped up *The Battle* sermon series by looking at Luke's account of The Road to Emmaus. Luke wrote about the arrest, conviction, crucifixion, and resurrection of Jesus and then zooms in on two disciples who have a personal encounter with the risen Lord.

1. In 1985 Vance Havner wrote a book titled *Playing Marbles with Diamonds*. He shared a story about walking into a poor African village and seeing the children playing marbles with diamonds. Where are you playing marbles with diamonds?
2. **Read Luke 24:17-19.** Cleopas describes Jesus as a prophet who was powerful in word and deed before God and all people. **Read Luke 2:52, Matthew 16:16, & John 1:1-5.** How would you describe Jesus to someone in one sentence?
3. **Read Luke 24:19-24.** Cleopas explained what he knew about Jesus. **Read Matthew 4:18-20, Mark 1:1, Luke 2:11, and John 10:10.** After reading the previous verses, how would you explain Jesus as the Messiah to someone?
4. **Read Luke 24:25-27.** On the road, Jesus taught the disciples about Himself from Scripture. Take some time as a group to find passages that you think Jesus might have mentioned to help the disciples understand the truth.
5. Jesus knew these disciples had lost hope too. He didn't read their minds; He could hear it in the tone of their voice. Share a time in your life when you felt hopeless, and Scripture encouraged you? What specific passages encouraged you?
6. **Read Luke 24:33-35.** Anytime we have good news we find ways to share it with others (see **John 1:41-42**). With whom do you need boldness to share the Gospel? What is holding you back from sharing it with that person?
7. After the disciples rejoin the eleven back in Jerusalem, Jesus appears in their midst (see **Luke 24:36-49**). According to these verses, what are some key things Jesus shares with the disciples before ascending back into heaven?
8. Close your time in prayer. Pray for an opportunity to invite a friend to meet Jesus.