



**Main point:** When hope is revealed it may propel us into mission.  
**Key question:** What happens when hope is revealed?  
**Key verse:** Luke 24:13–35

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### Introduction

- “We had hoped...” This phrase communicates disappointment and discouragement.
- Share about a time when hopes were dashed.
- In today’s passage, the disciples say, “We had hoped.”
- They had hoped Jesus would be the long-awaited redeemer. Then Jesus was crucified. Hopes were dashed.

### Three opportunities to see hope

- In their disappointment, the two disciples were given three opportunities to see hope revealed.
  1. They heard the women’s excited testimony: The tomb is empty, and angels proclaim that Jesus is alive!
  2. Jesus appeared on the road to Emmaus.
  3. Jesus showed them that his suffering and death were all God’s plan, outlined in the writings of Moses and the Prophets (Luke 24:27).
- And yet, the disciples were still not able to see what God was revealing.
- For us, it is almost comical that they cannot see that hope has been revealed.
- Before we laugh, we must ask ourselves, are we any different to them?
- Is it possible that God’s purposes are already being worked out, and we are unable to see it?

### Hope revealed

- Still disappointed, the disciples ate a meal with Jesus. When Jesus gave thanks and broke the bread the disciple’s eyes were opened! He is the risen Messiah! Hope was revealed.
- Hope is revealed at the dinner table!
- This leads to mission (verses 33–35). Hope ignites mission.





### Conclusion

- How might this road to Emmaus story apply to our lives today?
  1. Remember that Jesus is with us even when things feel hopeless.
  2. Share a meal with others, anticipating that God will be revealed.
  3. Be propelled into mission.
- What is it that God's Spirit is prompting you to do today?

