

2011 Easter Conference Testimony – Sarah Bahn Dupage Ministry  
Luke 24: 13-35  
Key verse: Luke 24: 25 -26

Through this Easter bible conference I learned and experienced many new things. This conference was definitely unlike any other Easter Bible conference I have attended, and it turned out to be a great experience. However, I think that out of the different sections from Luke 24 we studied, I got the most out of Luke 24:13-35, “The Road to Emmaus.” We studied and focused on this passage for most of the conference so I felt that I had more time to digest the passage.

So first, in this passage, two disciples of Jesus were walking to Emmaus from Jerusalem to Emmaus. The two disciples were depressed and disappointed from everything that had happened recently. As they were talking, Jesus came up and started walking along with them, but kept them from recognizing him. As they talked Jesus asked them what had happened. They told him about Jesus’ crucifixion and explained that they had hoped that he was the one who was going to redeem Israel. Through this part of the passage, I could relate with the disciples. Like the disciples, I often felt the emotions that the power of death brings along. Like the disciples may have been feeling at this moment, I often felt a sense of hopelessness in my life when I felt that anything I contributed to the work of God wasn’t really going anywhere. I sometimes felt like the bible studies I try to instigate weren’t really worth anything in the long run. Sometimes, like the disciples may have been wondering at this time, I would wonder, “Did I do all these things for nothing?” However, through the next part when Jesus rebukes the disciples, I realized that I must always hold the hope of the resurrection in my heart. I realized that everyone in Christ must go through suffering at some point but that one day

Jesus will come again and at this time his glory will be shown to the whole world. Unlike the disciples, I must hold onto these truths so that I may never be hopeless but always be joyful in fulfilling the works of God.

In the next part of the passage, the disciples recognize Jesus when he breaks the bread and gives thanks. After they recognized him they asked each other “Were not our hearts burning within us while he talked with us on the road and opened the Scriptures to us?” After they said this, they got up and returned to Jerusalem at once. There they found the Eleven and others, and testified of the risen Lord. I am once again able to relate to the disciples in this part of the passage as I was able to relate to the feelings they had when they realized who Jesus was. Whenever I am going through tough times at school, and am feeling down, I know that Jesus is always walking with me trying to help me. Like the disciples though, I often do not realize that Jesus is there. However, when my eyes are finally opened to Jesus’ presence, I am filled with joy and hope once again like these disciples were. For example, after Shp. Ian Turner’s message last Sunday, I could feel the burning that these disciples were feeling in their hearts. Like these disciples, I pray that I may always have a burning passion for Jesus’ work and be able to testify to Jesus’ resurrection not just in the past, but in his second coming. I pray that as I go off to college this fall, I can give hope to many other young people through preaching his words.

One Word: He has risen, and will rise again.