

**Jesus in Our Heart
Scripture in Our Hand
Feet Out the Door
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Luke 24:36-49
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Synopsis:

Pause to give you a Vision for Geneva
Critical point in Geneva right now
Not so much *what* we do, but *who* we are
What do I want people to say about us?

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I.

**Jesus in Our Heart
Luke 24:36 “Jesus himself stood among them”**

Setting: Jesus’ resurrection appearances
-tells disciples who he is
-where they encounter him

Jesus in our heart
Means encounter not possession (Western)
Jesus stood among them
I want you, this church to encounter Jesus

OPEN YOUR BIBLE

Text: vv 36-43 READ
-Jesus stood there
-flesh, bones, hands, feet, eat
-resurrection not immortality, not idea, not remember

I want you to meet Jesus: my life
-grew up in church, heard about Jesus
-met Jesus in Young Life on a weekend retreat

-not church-ianity, but Jesus
e.g. Jeb Magruder, non-Christian elder in Pasadena Pres

choir
usher
stuff bulletins
answer phones
do good
deacon, elder

But have you met Jesus?

Take Away:

- Come up here and meet Jesus (Pres vs Baptist)
- Prayer = talk with Jesus daily
- Meet with a friend to talk about Jesus
- Let Jesus consume your life, practice his presence
e.g. John 4:50 this morning: Official's son
"he believed the word of Jesus and left"

II.

Scripture in Our Hand

Luke 24:45 "Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures"

"I like Jesus, but I don't like the Bible, especially the OT"

We don't have this option: *Book of Order* is Jesus 1, Scripture 2

- Our Reformed Tradition: *sola scriptura*
- Why?

Text: vv 44-46 READ

- 3 part Bible: Moses, prophets, psalms
- all scripture fulfilled in Jesus (OT)
- opened their minds to understand
- "it is written" v46
- *If you don't like OT and NT, you won't like Jesus (Albert Schweitzer 1906 work versus *Lives of Jesus*)

Take Home: Texts

Text: Everyone has one, we live by narratives

Default is culture; PCUSA problem is cultural narrative
Both OT and NT: No love vs law, all about Jesus
History and Context: teaching (Jesus) vs proof texting (TV)

To Do:

Read daily and meet Jesus
Bible Study (DE) if you don't like it, you won't like Jesus
Scripture for sermons: read history, context, slow and thinking
(fish vs fishing); done this for 4 years
Bibles in your hand on Sundays, mark them up (Mom)

III.

Feet Out the Door
Luke 24:48 "You are witnesses"

Encounter Jesus
Meet Jesus in Scripture
Go with Jesus

Text: vv 47-49 READ
Repent/Surrender = turn away (ouch!)
we don't think we need this
Preach to nations
rather not
Promise of Father = Spirit
On our own

*Repent, go, and preach (all three)

My life: Missional not chaplaincy
Called out of Tennessee, in a mess (needed repenting)
Colorado jails and social service, study and teach
(Geneva) Kenya, Service Saturday
*not social work but in name of Jesus

Take Home: Come to Refocus summits
-Repent, Go, Preach
-Major projects in Jesus' name: LWV, AV
-All of you here Jan 20, Feb 17, Mar 17

*We're in a spiritual battle right now.
The only thing that will save us is Jesus:
 in our heart
 in our hands
 in our feet.