

## SERMON NOTES

3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Easter, Year B \* April 18, 2021

Sermon by the Reverend Tom Rutherford

Acts 3:12-19 \* Psalm 4 \* 1 John 3:1-7 \* Luke 24:36b-48

### What Made the Difference?

The Disciples in Acts                      versus                      The Disciples in Luke

What's the difference?

Five things: Two God did and Three they did.

1. Jesus R\_\_\_\_\_ from the D\_\_\_\_\_ and showed himself to them.  
✦ Are we L\_\_\_\_\_?
2. They S\_\_\_\_\_ together.  
✦ Are we G\_\_\_\_\_?
3. They searched the S\_\_\_\_\_.  
✦ Are we R\_\_\_\_\_?
4. They P\_\_\_\_\_.  
✦ Are we P\_\_\_\_\_?
5. On Pentecost, the Holy Spirit F\_\_\_\_\_ on them and F\_\_\_\_\_ them.  
✦ Are we B\_\_\_\_\_ the Holy Spirit to do the same with us?

### Next Weeks' Lessons

Acts 4:5-12 \* Psalm 23 \* 1 John 3:16-24 \* John 10:11-18

## Chewing on Our Daily Bread

Questions for conversation with your family, Home Group, or a friend

1. What's a way you're different now from when you were a kid? Do you like the difference? Why or why not?
2. How is your faith, hope, and love different now from how it was when you were younger? What caused that difference?
3. In the Book of Acts – AFTER Jesus' resurrection – Jesus' followers are VERY different from how they were BEFORE it. Encountering the risen Jesus altered their attitude about just about everything. How have you encountered the risen Jesus in your life? What have you seen that prompts you to believe Jesus is still alive and well? If you aren't sure about that, what would it take to cause you to consider he might have risen from the dead?
4. What are you doing to develop your faith, hope, and love? Are you satisfied with the progress you're making? If not, what could you do to do better?
5. PRAY:
  - ✦ Thanking Jesus for the ways he's shown you he's alive – or Asking him to show you he's alive.
  - ✦ For grace to continue growing in faith, hope, and love.
  - ✦ For any needs in your group.