



## Part 1: Seeing Jesus in Your Story // Jeff Brodie (June 21, 2020)

### Tips for Participating in Online Discussions:

- Turn on all the lights in your room.
- Mute yourself when you're listening to others.
- Use people's names a lot to draw each other in.
- Put your camera at eye level.
- Speak a little louder than normal.

**Message Recap:** When we look at our lives, sometimes we can focus on the things that didn't work out how we'd hoped. Then we can look ahead and worry about the outcomes in our future. But what if we're missing the fact that Jesus is working in our lives right where we are, today? What if we could hope in His faithfulness throughout our life and see Him on the journey today? What if He has a bigger story in mind?

**Scripture:** [Luke 24:13-35](#)

**Bottom Line:** Look for Jesus in your story today. Believe He is writing a bigger story for your tomorrows.

### Getting Started:

1. What stuck out to you from the message on Sunday?
2. When you look back at your life, are there things you wish would have turned out differently? Would you say these things erode hope or inspire faith in your life?
3. Have there been situations in your life that have turned out better than you expected? How did you feel when you were in the middle of the situation?

### Jumping In:

4. Where do you spend most of your life--focused on where God can (should) fix things with His power, or focused on experiencing His presence in the moment? Why?
5. When you look back on your life, can you see moments where Jesus was at work? Did you know He was with you in those moments?

**Discuss:**

6. Read [Luke 24:13-35](#). Is there anything in this passage that resonates, surprises, or frustrates you? Why?
7. Why do you think Jesus doesn't just point out who He is from the beginning? Why doesn't He share His presence right away?
8. On the journey of your life, would you say that Jesus is more interested in your outcomes or in your process? Why would you say that?
9. Eugene Peterson says, "Every step is an arrival." It's a great description of this passage. Have you seen different steps in your own life as moments of arrival in His presence? Why or why not?
10. As we focus on controlling the outcomes (good and bad), we can miss the presence of God with us and miss how He is working today. Take a moment and reflect right now. Where do you think God is present in your life today?
11. Can you see His presence in the life of someone around you like your kids or another group member? Where is He walking with someone on the journey even if the outcome isn't clear? As we saw in Deniel's story, where is Jesus "planting seeds"?
12. How can you "plant seeds" in people's lives?

**Remember:** Like those we see in the passage in Luke, when you are feeling discouraged about what's happening, don't miss what is because you are so focused on what was. Jesus is present with you today.

**Moving Forward:** Next week Joseph Swan will be sharing another account from the life of Jesus and how Jesus has worked in His own life. Ask that you would see God's presence in your life daily this week and in this series. Pray: "God, help me to feel Your presence in my life today. Help me to have eyes to see how You're at work in the lives of those around me. I want to be in Your presence. Amen."