



## Sermon Discussion Questions – April 21, 2024

### Scripture Passages:

**2 Kings 6:25** As a result [of the siege], there was a great famine in the city. The siege lasted so long that a donkey's head sold for eighty pieces of silver, and a cup of dove's dung sold for five pieces of silver.

**2 Kings 7:3–4**. . . “Why should we sit here waiting to die?” they asked each other. . . So we might as well go out and surrender to the Aramean army. If they let us live, so much the better. But if they kill us, we would have died anyway.”

**2 Kings 7:8** When the men with leprosy arrived at the edge of the camp, they went into one tent after another, eating and drinking wine; and they carried off silver and gold and clothing and hid it.

**2 Kings 7:9** Finally, they said to each other, “This is not right. This is a day of good news, and we aren't sharing it with anyone . . . Come on, let's go back and tell the people at the palace.”

**Luke 24:28–35** <sup>28</sup> By this time they were nearing Emmaus and the end of their journey. Jesus acted as if he were going on, <sup>29</sup> but they begged him, “Stay the night with us, since it is getting late.” So he went home with them. <sup>30</sup> As they sat down to eat, <sup>[a]</sup> he took the bread and blessed it. Then he broke it and gave it to them. <sup>31</sup> Suddenly, their eyes were opened, and they recognized him. And at that moment he disappeared!

<sup>32</sup> They said to each other, “Didn’t our hearts burn within us as he talked with us on the road and explained the Scriptures to us?” <sup>33</sup> And within the hour they were on their way back to Jerusalem. There they found the eleven disciples and the others who had gathered with them, <sup>34</sup> who said, “The Lord has really risen! He appeared to Peter.<sup>[b]</sup>” <sup>35</sup> Then the two from Emmaus told their story of how Jesus had appeared to them as they were walking along the road, and how they had recognized him as he was breaking the bread.

**Acts 16:15** She and her household were baptized, and she asked us to be her guests. “If you agree that I am a true believer in the Lord,” she said, “come and stay at my home.” And she urged us until we agreed.

**Revelation 3:20** “Look! I stand at the door and knock. If you hear my voice and open the door, I will come in . . .

**Psalms 119:105** Your word is a lamp to guide my feet and a light for my path.

#### Discussion:

1. Read Luke 24:28-35. How do you recognize when God is trying to reveal Himself to you?
2. Pastor Tom made the statement “*Jesus desires to be part of our lives and eagerly awaits our invitation.*” Have you invited Jesus into your situation? Have you asked God to bring resurrection power into your circumstances? If you have done this before, how does it differ from when you do not?
3. Read 2 Kings 7:3-4, 8-9. What can we learn about the importance of faith during difficult times and the dangers of giving up from these verses?
4. Pastor Tom used this quote from Francis Chan:  
*Lukewarm people don’t really want to be saved from sin; they want only to be saved from the penalty of sin.*  
How is this different from the desires of someone who truly wants to follow Jesus?
5. What does resurrection power look like in your life? What does resurrection power mean to you?
6. Pastor Tom used this quote from George Mueller:

*The vigor of our spiritual life will be in exact proportion to the place held by the Bible in our life and thoughts.*

Why do you think the importance we place on the Bible directly correlates to the strength of our spiritual life? Can you think of examples from your own life where you learned this was true?

### **Next Steps:**

Pastor Tom ended his message with:

*When's the last time you extended an invitation to Jesus, who knows all about your troubles, all about your pains, all about your difficulties, all about the things that other people can't know and can't fix? Have you extended the invitation? Have you experienced the recognition? Are you enjoying the celebration? That's the test of whether we're in Christ or not:*

*Invitation, Recognition, Celebration*

*Some of us have never invited Jesus to come and take control of our lives, to forgive our sins, and to be our Savior and our friend. And we could do that even now, just where we're seated. He hears our cries and he knows our hearts.*

*Some of us have been longing to see Jesus in the normal affairs of life: in the laundry and in the journey to the office, in the conducting of our everyday routine. We pray, our eyes might be opened and our hearts might burn again within.*

Are there any areas of your life right now that you are hesitant to invite Jesus into? What next steps do you feel God calling you to this week when it comes to living in His resurrection power?