

**STUDY GUIDE** | SERMON: APRIL 12, 2020

# EASTER: HOW TO FIND HOPE IN A PANDEMIC

## **The points from last week's message were:**

- Where you plant your roots will determine how you experience life
- Roots anchor you so you won't blow away
- Roots give you the nutrients to thrive
- Plant your roots deeper in Jesus

## **LET'S TALK**

1. Pastor Jeremy tells the story of the disciples who encounter Jesus on the road to Emmaus (Luke 24). What kept them from recognizing Jesus?
2. After Jesus died, the disciples lost hope (we had hoped he was the one...). Have you had hopes crushed as a result of this pandemic?
3. The disciples who meet Jesus suffer from faulty expectations of who he is. Are your expectations of Jesus based on who he says he is or on who you want him to be?
4. What keeps you from recognizing that Jesus is with you in the midst of your difficulties?
5. Our hope isn't that God will redeem us from suffering but that he will redeem us through suffering. How does this hope impact how you view your current circumstances?
6. Pastor Jeremy says that, "Easter affirms that even in a pandemic, Jesus is walking on the road beside you. And he promises to stay close with you in the days ahead."

What is one thing you can do this week to remember that Jesus is walking right beside you?

## **LET'S PRAY**

Spend some time in prayer (for each other, for our community and for the world).