

## *New Sermon Series: Encounters with THE Holy Spirit*

8/10/25 “For God’s Work: The Assignment,” Luke 24:44-53, MEV

**INTRODUCTION** If you want someone to dig a hole around here, do you just hand him a shovel & point? *No. break handle, not know how to use shovel, not have strength to do it, not know how to deal with rocks.*

**MAIN IDEA:** Let us be faithful in fulfilling God’s mission for us. How? By being faithful to three elements.

### **I. First, to God’s Word. (44-45)**

**opened** their minds: to explain so they could understand

- A. It’s all about Jesus      **EX:** Gen. 1:1 & John 1:1-3
  - 1. whole book is about relationship with God
  - 2. OT is about His coming (1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup>)
  - 3. NT is about His having come & His return
- B. we must understand God’s intention
  - 1. Reader Response Criticism
  - 2. we often take away what *we want*
  - 3. Word has purpose—God’s intention

**EX:** marriage... God: Creator, relational, unity in diversity; our relationship with Him reflects this same order; our marriages must

- C. His Spirit helps us understand
  - 1. directly to us personally
  - 2. through gifted teachers
  - 3. the whole of scripture teaches us...*years of study, scripture upon scripture*

### **ILLUSTRATION:**

#### **II. Second, to God’s assignment (46-47)**

- A. to tell others about Jesus
  - 1. it was necessary He suffer...*torture, separation from God for us individually*

**Necessary:** what is required to attain some end

- 2. He rose from the dead the third day...*is GOD*
- B. to tell others about repentance & remission of sins
  - 1. that we have sin
  - 2. that we must repent of sin...*a complete change of attitude toward God & a change of direction toward obeying Him*
  - 3. that we will be pardoned, set free

**Remission:** freedom, pardon; a release from bondage, captivity, imprisonment

### **ILLUSTRATION:**

#### **III. Finally, to God’s Promise (49-53)**

- A. The Father Promised Him (John 14:15-17, 26)
- B. Jesus sends Him (John 16:7)...*do you trust Jesus?*
- C. He empowers us to fulfill our assignment

**Clothed:** to enter into, get into (such as clothes)

**Power:** miraculous power; points to new & higher forces that have entered & are working in this lower world (*Strong’s*); power residing in a thing by virtue of its nature (*Thayer*)

- D. we must wait for Him before trying to do the mission

**NOTE:** Disciples had received Holy Spirit on Easter Sunday. He had breathed on them: “Receive the Holy Spirit” (John 20:22).

- 1. worshiping Him, rejoicing in Him, praising & blessing Him
- 2. asking for Him (Luke 11:13)

**Luke 11:13, MEV:** If you then, being evil, known how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask Him.

### **ILLUSTRATION:**

### **CONCLUSION:**

**ALTAR:** Will you ask for Him now? Worship, bless & praise Him