

**KAILUA CHRISTIAN CHURCH**  
**Sunday Message - April 14, 2024**  
***Jesus' Way of Engaging Listening That Invites Change***  
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***Scripture Reading: Luke 24:14-34***

*Now that same day two of them were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem. <sup>14</sup>They were talking with each other about everything that had happened.<sup>15</sup>As they talked and discussed these things with each other, Jesus Himself came up and walked along with them; <sup>16</sup>but they were kept from recognizing Him.*

*<sup>17</sup>He asked them, "What are you discussing together as you walk along?" They stood still, their faces downcast. <sup>18</sup>One of them, named Cleopas, asked him, "Are You the only one visiting Jerusalem who does not know the things that have happened there in these days?"<sup>19</sup>"What things?" He asked.*

*"About Jesus of Nazareth," they replied. "He was a prophet, powerful in word and deed before God and all the people. <sup>20</sup>The chief priests and our rulers handed Him over to be sentenced to death, and they crucified Him; <sup>21</sup>but we had hoped that He was the one who was going to redeem Israel. And what is more, it is the third day since all this took place. <sup>22</sup>In addition, some of our women amazed us. They went to the tomb early this morning<sup>23</sup>but didn't find His body. They came and told us that they had seen a vision of angels, who said He was alive. <sup>24</sup>Then some of our companions went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said, but they did not see Jesus."*

*<sup>25</sup>He said to them, "How foolish you are, and how slow to believe all that the prophets have spoken! <sup>26</sup>Did not the Messiah have to suffer these things and then enter His glory?" <sup>27</sup>And beginning with Moses and all the Prophets, He explained to them what was said in all the Scriptures concerning Himself.*

*<sup>28</sup>As they approached the village to which they were going, Jesus continued on as if He were going farther. <sup>29</sup>But they urged Him strongly, "Stay with us, for it is nearly evening; the day is almost over." So He went in to stay with them.*

*<sup>30</sup>When He was at the table with them, He took bread, gave thanks, broke it and began to give it to them. <sup>31</sup>Then their eyes were opened and they recognized Him, and He disappeared from their sight. <sup>32</sup>They asked each other, "Were not our hearts burning within us while He talked with us on the road and opened the Scriptures to us?"*

*<sup>33</sup>They got up and returned at once to Jerusalem. There they found the Eleven and those with them, assembled together<sup>34</sup>and saying, "It is true! The Lord has risen and has appeared to Simon."*

***We learn Jesus' way of engaging listening that invites change by...***

***I. Being a non-anxious presence with others***

*“As they talked and discussed these things with each other, Jesus Himself came up and walked along with them;” Luke 24:15*

**A. Who is someone that has been a calm, non-anxious presence in your life? What is one word or sentence that describes how it felt to you?**

**II. Asking good questions that helps us and them understand what they thinking and feeling**

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**B. This week when you are tempted to give advice or tell someone off, use that moment to develop a question that invites more sharing, acceptance and understanding.**

**III. Speaking with kindness and truth to encourage others**

*“And beginning with Moses and all the Prophets, He explained to them what was said in all the Scriptures concerning Himself.”*

**C. What words can you use to encourage someone with the goodness of Christ love and hope that is for everyone?**

**IV. Give good space and pace to allow others to come to hear Christ for themselves.**

*“They asked each other, “Were not our hearts burning within us while He talked with us on the road and opened the Scriptures to us?” Luke 24:32*

***D. Who is someone you can ask Jesus to help you listen so to invite change rather than trying to force change?***