

Hope Presbyterian Church
Sermon-Based Bible Study

June 14, 2026

“Dreams”

#3 in the series *At A Loss*

Scripture Text

Luke 24:13-27 (NRSVUE)



1. What stood out to you about the message?
2. “It was like a dream come true.” You’ve probably heard someone say those words when they experienced something better than they ever could have imagined. But what about the feeling that comes when a dream doesn’t come true?
 - What was a dream you hoped for as a child or as a young adult?
 - Did your dream come true?
 - What was that like?
 - If not, how did you manage your disappointment?
3. **Read Luke 24: 13-16.**

While walking toward the village of Emmaus, several miles outside of Jerusalem, two of Jesus’ disciples met a man they didn’t recognize as Jesus himself.

 - Why were the two disciples not able to recognize Jesus, even as he walked alongside them?
 - Have you ever been in a situation of grief or loss when you couldn’t see beyond that moment? What or who helped you navigate that difficult time?
4. **Read Luke 24: 17-21.**

Although he knew the disciples on the road were grieving his death, Jesus asked them what they were talking about as a way to connect with them.

 - Why do you think Jesus encouraged the disciples to share the details of their grief?
 - What was the dream the disciples believed would never become a reality when Jesus died?
5. **Read Luke 24: 22-27.**

Jesus’ response to what the disciples shared with him may not have been what they expected.

 - Why was it important that Jesus reminded the disciples that his suffering and death had been prophesied?
 - How do you respond to the idea that Jesus met the disciples in a moment of transition between grief and hope?
 - Have you ever experienced a reframing of loss to discover a new purpose when a dream you were hoping for didn’t materialize? What happened?
6. How can we pray for you?