Wesley United Methodist Church – Weekly Bible Study

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 Sermon: Obstetricians of Faith

 Luke 24:1-11

1. Verse 11 states, “But these words seemed to them an idle tale, and they did not

 believe them.” Why was it so hard for the apostles to believe that Jesus had risen?

Because there had not been an actual physical appearance of Jesus, only the story.

We need to be reminded of Hebrews 11:1 “Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen.”

2. What other than actual visual proof keeps people from being hopeful in difficult

 times?

Past disappointments; forgetting how god has brought us through previous storms and

deep graves of despair; lack of encouragement from other people of faith; fear of disappointment or and judgement because of our faith and hopes; and earthly view of issues rather than a spiritual view, just to bane a few.

3. What does it mean to be Easter people?

It means to be people of hope every day, not just at Easter; or just when things are going well; but in are empty tombs of doubt. We need to have hope in an empty tomb of resurrection.

4. What type of resurrections have you experienced in this day and age, or have seen

 with other persons or other situations?

-Healing form accidents, illnesses, or surgical procedures

-Promotions on our job

-Going from being an employee to an employer (Business blessings)

-Overcoming financial difficulties

-Coming to a level of comfort in our grief

-Seeing things as the election of our 1st African American President

-Seeing TV change to include persons of color

Just to name a few.

5. What must we do to trust in the promises of God, even when there is no evidence

 of the promise?

-Pray

-Read, study, and be open to the Word of God

-Learn from past experiences

-Surround ourselves with other persons of faith

-Continue to pray to Jesus and praise Jesus

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PRAYER OF FAITH:

 Loving God, increase my faith in you. When confronted with the magnitude of the world’s sufferings, give me the grace to trust in the long haul. When besieged by doubt or despair, remind me to look for the small signs of your presence, embedded in the daily details of my life. When tempted towards cynicism and negativity, grace me with a mellow heart, so that I continue to find hope in beauty, love, and laughter. With deep faith in you, I pray. Amen. *by: Prayers for Hope Pinterest.com*