

04/05

HOME GROUP GUIDE

HOW TO USE THIS GUIDE:

LISTEN

Listen to the sermon and read through the main passage(s)



REFLECT

Prayerfully answer the questions below



DISCUSS

Meet with your group to discuss



RESPOND

Apply the truth of God's word to your life

BACKGROUND:

In Luke 24, two disciples walk the road to Emmaus, burdened by confusion and disappointment after Jesus' crucifixion. Although they had hoped he would redeem Israel, their expectations were shattered. What they did not realize is that the risen Jesus is already with them, pursuing them. He approaches these disciples, listens to their confusion, and explains the true meaning of the Scriptures to them.

Even when hope wanes and faith feels fragile, Jesus does not withdraw. He moves toward his people. He meets us in our discouragement, helps us to see things accurately, and ultimately reveals himself to us. In this passage, the disciples' despair turns into joy, and they become witnesses of the resurrection. The same is true today. The risen Christ keeps seeking out those who feel hopeless with the offer of hope.

OPEN:

1. Share a time when something you hoped for didn't turn out quite as you expected. How did you handle it?

REFLECT:

2. Read Luke 24:13-21. How would you describe the emotional state of these two disciples? What were they hoping for? What caused that hope to be lost?

3. Read Luke 24:25-27. What evidence does Jesus provide to help these disciples understand why his death was necessary? Why is this important?

4. Read Luke 24:28-35. What does it mean that their “hearts burned within them”? How do they react once they realize they were with Jesus?

APPLY:

5. Where in your life are you currently facing disappointment due to unmet expectations? How can we be intentional in recognizing Jesus’ presence with us when he appears distant?

6. Understanding God’s Word gave these disciples a clearer picture of their current situation. How does grasping the message of the gospel help strengthen our hope? What are some ways you can connect more thoughtfully with the hope of the resurrection this week?

7. As you reflect on the sermons you’ve heard this month, what are some of your key takeaways? How will you apply them moving forward?

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