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Life Group
Discussion
Guide

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Sermon Summary: On the road to Emmaus, two followers of Jesus walk away from Jerusalem carrying confusion, grief, and unmet expectations. Though they know the facts of Jesus' death and the empty tomb, they lack understanding and hope. Jesus meets them in their discouragement, walking with them, opening Scripture, and ultimately revealing Himself in the breaking of bread. Their despair turns to clarity as their hearts burn with renewed faith. What began as a retreat becomes a return: they immediately go back to Jerusalem with purpose and boldness. This story reminds us that Jesus meets us in our "we had hoped" moments and transforms us from wandering to witness.

Conversation Starter: "Share about a moment this week when you felt genuinely seen or heard by someone—what made it meaningful?"

Prayer: Gracious Lord, thank You for gathering us together in this space. Open our eyes to see You more clearly, our hearts to receive Your truth, and our lives to Your transforming presence. Meet us here as we study Your Word together. In Jesus' name, Amen.

Read Scripture together: Luke 24:13–35

3-Question Study Method

Use this method to understand the passage.

1. What is the passage about?
2. What do I learn about God?
3. What is the lesson I learn that I can apply to my life?

Discussion Questions:

- What stands out to you about the emotional state of the two travelers at the beginning of the story?
- What role does conversation play in this passage, between the two travelers and between them and Jesus?
- They had all the information about Jesus, but still lacked hope. What's the difference between knowing facts about God and truly understanding what He's doing?
- What does it tell us about Jesus that He walks with them before revealing Himself?
- Jesus is made known through Scripture and the breaking of bread. Why do you think God chooses to reveal Himself in these ways?
- The travelers say, "We had hoped..." Where have you felt that in your own life recently?
- What specifically changes in the two travelers after they recognize Jesus—and why does that matter?
- Where might Jesus be inviting you to turn around, moving from discouragement back into purpose or mission?
- What would it look like for you this week to be more aware of Jesus walking with you in your everyday life?

Memory Verse: "Were not our hearts burning within us while he talked with us on the road and opened the Scriptures to us?" Luke 24:32 (NIV)

Closing Prayer: Lord Jesus,

Please send us out with hearts burning to recognize You in our daily lives and courage to share Your hope with those around us. Amen.

Amen.