

# The Emmaus Road

## Luke 24:13-35

*"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*

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**Main Point: When you feel like hope is lost Jesus can renew your faith.**

**Introduction:** Use the following questions to introduce the topic of discussion -

*Describe a time when you were talking about someone and didn't realize they were within earshot.*

*When has someone surprised you with their support through a tough time? How did this affect you?*

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**There are times in all of our lives when things happen and we don't think God can hear. Not only that, but there are times when you can even feel like God doesn't care. You begin to question why God would allow certain things to happen. Your faith may waver and doubts may creep in. But Jesus sees you and He is with you, just as he was with the disciples in this passage. Their eyes were opened as they encountered the Risen Savior and faith was reborn in their lives.**

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**If anyone needs renewal in their faith they must:**

### **1. Remember that PERCEPTION IS NOT REALITY. Have a volunteer read Luke 24:13-21.**

What was their perception about Jesus and the events that unfolded in Jerusalem? What feelings were these disciples experiencing that you can relate to?

How have you been disappointed in God lately? What do you need to get off your chest?

These men misunderstood the events that took place because they did not look at the whole of Jesus' message. Ask yourself if your perception of life right now includes the message and presence of God. What can you do to focus more on the big picture He has in mind?

### **2. Remember that FEELING IS NOT FACT. Have a volunteer read Luke 24:17-21.**

What kind of decisions do people get in trouble for when basing them off of feeling? How have you experienced the negative side effects of feelings based decision making?

How does **Proverbs 3:5-6** direct our decision making process?

When have you felt like God is not with you? Do you recognize times in your life where he was there, but you didn't realize it or accept it? Explain.

What does **James 1:5-8** say about trusting in wisdom other than that of God's? What is the consequence of a divided loyalty?

**3. Remember that GOD'S WORD IS TRUE. Have a volunteer read Luke 24:25-27**

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What "fake news" had been spreading about Jesus disappearance? Why was this foolishness?

What did Jesus have to say about his own future? Look in **Matthew 16:21** and **Matthew 17:22-23**. Was there anything confusing or ambiguous about these statements?

Jesus opened the scriptures to these men from the writings of Moses and the prophets. What does Peter have to say about Jesus position and the prophets understanding in **2 Peter 1:16-21**?

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***Pray:***

*Thank Jesus for his presence in your life. He will never leave you or forsake you. Pray to see with His eyes the things you are struggling through right now. Ask for wisdom to trust the Lord despite now knowing and seek His understanding above all. Pray the Holy Spirit would help you in discerning your feelings from the path God has for you. Put your hope in Him and allow Him to lead you in His ways.*

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**Coming up the Life of VillageChurch:**

April 23: Greeters/Hospitality Ministry Luncheon after 10am service

May 5: Faith and Family Night with the Fireflies

May 14: Baby Dedication

July 10-12: Vacation Bible School