

Luke 24 – “Risen Indeed”

On the Road to Recognizing Jesus (Emmaus)

Read the passage over again...Luke 24: 13-35

Warm up

1. Have you ever met someone that you should've recognized but didn't? Can you share your experience? Perhaps a déjà vu experience?
2. Do you think you have experienced Jesus walking alongside of you...and yet you didn't recognize him or the occasion at the time? (see verse 15, 16)

Digging Deeper

3. What do you think keeps us from recognizing Jesus in our lives?
4. Have you ever pulled a “Cleopas” and accused Jesus of being “out to lunch” - Don't you know what is going on here? Can you share an experience of when Jesus just didn't measure up or march to your 'expectations'...a time when you were disillusioned because Jesus' “didn't get with the/our program”? see verse 21 ...but we had hoped...
5. Jesus rebukes the disciples by saying “how slow of heart you are to believe all that the prophets have spoken”? He then explains the scriptures concerning himself. A) What do you think was going on here? B)What do you need to be reminded of ...concerning your story and how Jesus has been a part of it?
6. The disciples invited/urged/begged Jesus to “stay” with them (stay with us!) Do you ever get desperate for Jesus to stay with you? Explain? How do we invite him to 'stay' with us?

Applying lessons learned...

7. When Jesus stayed with them, he did something new – he broke convention by breaking bread as the non-host and giving thanks....it was then that they “recognized Jesus.” What do you think happened here? What can we do practically to 'recognize Jesus' among us?
8. The resurrected Jesus appeared to these disciples. So what! What was the disciples response? At Easter, we are reminded that Jesus went to the cross for our sins, to save us. But he also resurrected, he conquered the grave to give us abundant life and eternal life. Discuss in your group; How does the resurrection impact your life here and now today? How are we to live in light of the resurrection? What practical steps can we take to be “people of the resurrection”?

