

INTRO

- What's your earliest memories of celebrating Easter?

READ

Luke 24:13-35 (probably better to read scene by scene as per the breakdown below)

REFLECT & RESPOND

This story is both funny, fascinating and foundational! Let's get on the road with Jesus with these disciples...

1. Jesus Incognito 13-16

It's amazing that one of the few resurrection stories documented is this one where Jesus is largely unrecognized for most if it! Yet, we're all guilty of overlooking Jesus in our lives for various reasons.

Qu: what keeps you/us from recognizing Jesus more in life?

2. Life Without a Resurrection 17-24

The 2 disciples reveal their sadness, disappointment and disillusionment about Jesus. Their perspective is one of viewing life without a resurrection: "we had hoped that he was the one to redeem Israel". Their idea of Jesus and what he came to do went unfulfilled.

Qu: in what way/s did they contribute to their disappointment about Jesus? What can you learn from that?

3. The Resurrection Reframes Everything 25-27

Stunningly, Jesus shares his perspective on the same events and in doing so, reframes 3 fundamental views on suffering, scripture, and salvation for us.

Qu: how does the resurrection challenge you to reframe what salvation means? What does

Jesus save us from AND for? What's the significance of a physical resurrection?

4. Getting Up Close and Personal with Jesus 28-32

The disciples could have stopped short of recognizing Jesus had they not said, "stay with us!" Jesus doesn't drive or drag us to himself. He draws us and then waits for our response. The reward is to break bread with him (relationship, communion) and have our eyes and hearts more fully opened.

Qu: how would you rate your desire for Jesus these days? How can we help one another when our desire runs dry?

5. The Resurrection Changes Our Story 33-35

It's pretty evident that this encounter with the Risen Jesus resulted in a literal and spiritual U-Turn for these disciples. Another word for this U-Turn is repentance. Typically, we think of repentance as a reaction to sin, but it's more than that: it's reframing how we look at things from God's perspective like sin, salvation, suffering, scripture, your life etc.

Qu: share one thing that really impacted you about this On the Road to Emmaus story.

RESPOND & PRAY

- Pray for a greater desire, spiritual awakening, to the presence of God in our lives;
- Pray for a greater view of life with the resurrection in mind;
- Pray that we, like the early disciples, would joyfully and wisely share the good news of the risen Jesus to those in our world and culture.