WEEK 02 SMALL GROUP

AN EYE OPENING JOURNEY



We start by watching the VIDEO each week but take time to watch it beforehand – This week at https://vimeo.com/87099089

INTRO

In this session we are going to look at the appearance of Jesus on the road to Emmaus and consider these two principles:

- 1. Our vision of Jesus can be blurred
- 2. Our vision of Jesus can be corrected

Read Luke 24:13–35, encouraging everyone to follow along.

QUESTIONS: - share what stood out anew to them and why.

- 1. What particularly impacted you from this week's message?
- 2. What is the mood of the disciples at the beginning of this passage? How has their vision of Jesus become blurred?

 By despair (vv17–18), by disappointment (v21), by doubt (vv22–24).
- 3. God is not distant in our despair, but comes to meet us right in the midst of it. Have you experienced particular times in your life when, looking back, you realise Jesus' presence was with you but you didn't recognise Him?
- **4.** In verses 25–27 how does Jesus begin to 'correct the disciples' vision'?
- **5.** How often do we look to God's Word in our daily lives to help us correct our own vision?
- **6.** Read verse 32. How is our experience of reading the Scriptures so often different? Why might this be?

7. Jesus continued to reveal Himself to the disciples by eating with them. Compare Luke 24:30–31 with Genesis 3:1–7. What are the differences between these two accounts? What had the disciples' eyes now been opened to? What is the significance of this on our relationship with God?

SHARE YOUR STORY

Discuss the following questions.

- **8.** How have you come to know Jesus better in light of the cross, and Jesus' amazing sacrifice. (v26-27) Share together your thoughts as to why Jesus is special to you.
- **9.** How do you approach the Bible? Do you use it as a moral guide or for encouragement? How much is it about building the portrait and revealing the personality of our Lord Jesus Christ? Have you had times when reading it made your heart burn within (Luke 24:32)?
- **10.** How much do you want Jesus' presence? The disciples urged Him strongly to stay with them (Luke 24:29). What does it mean to be hungry for more of the Spirit of Jesus in your life?

PRAY TOGETHER

You could pray:

- for individuals [name them in your hearts if not aloud] in your neighbourhoods or networks who do not know Jesus. Pray that their eyes would be opened to see Him
- against the blinding that Satan causes
- for people to see God through the works of Christians and the Church
- for individuals in the group who need eye-opening guidance
- that every person in your group would see Jesus afresh today
- that when you read and study the Bible in the future, you will know a
 fresh sense of Jesus' presence opening up the Scriptures to you
 personally, as He did with those disciples on the road to Emmaus.