

GROUP DISCUSSION

Questions for facilitating dynamic discussion

Easter

Hidden in Plain Sight!

Luke 24:13-35

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Jesus hid on Easter! He hid his identity from two of his followers who were walking to the village of Emmaus. This fascinating event can help us to understand why Jesus still hides today and it also points us to where we can find Him.

Kicking it off: How did you celebrate Easter when you were a child?

Discussion:

1. Reread *Luke 24:13-14* Now that same day two of them were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem. They were talking with each other about everything that had happened.

What do you think the tenor of this conversation was?

2. Reread *Luke 24:15* Jesus himself came up and walked along with them, but they were kept from recognizing him.

Why did God keep these Christians from recognizing Jesus?

3. Reread *Jeremiah 29:13* You will seek me and find me when you seek me with all your heart.

How does this verse relate to Jesus becoming unrecognizable on the road to Emmaus?

4. Reread *Luke 24:28-29* As they approached the village, Jesus continued on as if he were going farther. But they urged him strongly, "Stay with us!"

What is really going on here?

5. Reread *Luke 24:15* As they talked and discussed these things with each other, Jesus himself came up and walked along with them.

Have you ever sensed God presence in an "Interaction" with someone? If so, tell about it.

6. Reread *Luke 24:32* "Were not our hearts burning within us while he talked with us on the road and opened the Scriptures to us?"

Have you ever felt your heart "burn" when you were reading the Bible ("Revelation")? If so, how do you explain this phenomenon?

7. Reread *Luke 24:30-31* When he was at the table with them, he took bread, gave thanks, broke it and began to give it to them. Then their eyes were opened and they recognized him.

Why does God often choose to reveal His presence while we are at church ("Congregation")?

Wrapping It Up: Pray for eyes to see! That is, eyes that recognize God's presence and love.