

**Read: Luke 24:25-35**

**The Big Idea:** In our passage two men try to live as if the resurrection didn't happen. As a result, they despair (vs.17). Their hopelessness comes out in different ways, most notably, in their trip away from Jerusalem. On their way Jesus appears to them, challenges their unbelief, and opens their eyes to Him.

**Getting Started** – Have someone read Paul's prayer in Ephesians 1:15-23.

1. Given what Paul prays, what are the areas the Ephesians are struggling with because they can't see the implications of Jesus' resurrection?

**Digging Deeper**

2. Jesus is right in front of two of his disciples and they can't recognize him. Verse 26 says "Their eyes were kept from recognizing Jesus." What does this mean? Why were their eyes kept from seeing Jesus?

3. Read verses 13. Jesus had told his disciples he'd rise on the third day. It's the third day. The women had reported to them the empty tomb and the appearance of angels. Why do you think these men would travel two hours away? Why not stay around, check things out, and wait for Jesus to show up?

4. *Review verse 14-27.* Instead of giving them empirical proof, Jesus first takes them to Scripture.

a) What empirical proof could he have given and *will he* in just moments?

b) How does rightly understanding Scripture bring proof into their hearts (cf. vs.32).

c) What does that mean for us?

5. *Read verses 28-29.* Luke says that Jesus "*acted as if he were going farther?*" This suggests that it was his intention to stay with these disciples all along.

a) Do you think this 'act' was designed to invoke a certain response in these men? What response?

b) Pastor Jake suggested that this scene might be like Jesus' interaction with the Gentile woman, which seemed so harsh and cold. What was that story (cf. Matt. 15:21-28)?

c) What personal lessons can we take away from this discussion for our faith?

6. *Read verses 30-31.* Their eyes are finally open when Jesus breaks bread. Luke says in verse 35 that "*he was known to them in the breaking of the bread.*" What are some possibilities for why this was the thing that opened their eyes?

**7.** On Sunday it was said that it looks like these men grow in a submissive relationship with this stranger. It was suggested that the more they submitted to Jesus, the more they were able to see him for who he was.

**a)** Where do we see a progression of submission in the passage?

**b)** Whether or not this is true here, is there a principle that connects our humility to God's increased revelation of himself to us?

**8.** Close by praying Ephesians 1:15-23 for each other.

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Continue the Celebration of Easter, by taking time this coming week to seek Jesus, and the JOY he alone provides.

- Mon. April 1      1 John 1:1-4
- Tues. April 2      1 Peter 1:3-8
- Wed. April 3      John 16:19-24
- Thurs. April 4      Colossians 1:9-18
- Fri. April 5      Hebrews 12:1-3
- Sat. April 6      Jude 24&25
- Sun. April 7      1 Thess. 2:10