SMALL GROUP DISCUSSION QUESTIONS
4/5/15 Fulfilled – Jesus is Alive

Read Luke 24:13-53

1. What stood out to you, challenged you, or encouraged you from the sermon Sunday?

2. How did you celebrate Easter when you were a child?

3. What special traditions did you participate in and why?

4. Why would Jesus appear in a different form to these disciples? Why would He travel incognito?

This is not the only time our God hides Himself from His people.

That same morning Jesus had risen and hid His identity for a short while from Mary Magdalene: 13 They asked her, "Woman, why are you crying?" "They have taken my Lord away," she said, "and I don't know where they have put him." 14 At this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not realize that it was Jesus. 15 "Woman," he said, "why are you crying? Who is it you are looking for?" Thinking he was the gardener, she said, "Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have put him, and I will get him." 16Jesus said to her, "Mary." She turned toward him and cried out in Aramaic, "Rabboni!" (which means Teacher). (John 20:13-18).

Truly you are a God who hides himself, O God and Savior of Israel (Isaiah 45:15).

5. Read 1 Peter 5:7 - If Jesus were to walk alongside you today, what "heavy burdens" would you like Him to carry?

6. On the road of life that you are on today, is the cause of Christ burning in your heart, or would you say that you need Jesus to come alongside and breathe His words upon the embers of your heart?

7. People have always had difficulty believing that Jesus was God in the flesh. (Read 1 John 1:1, 2:22 and 4:2-3.) What details did John include in the crucifixion story for his readers to know for certain that Jesus, fully human, had truly died?

8. How does knowing that God came to live among us affect your daily life?

9. Read 1 Corinthians 15:12-23, 42-49. What does Jesus' resurrection mean for you personally and for all believers?

Prayer: Lord Jesus, I invite your presence and ask you to walk beside me in what I am going through. Help me to recognize that you are with me. Reveal yourself to me, make me aware of your master plan for my life.