



SDG Discussion Guide

Luke 24:14-45

November 24, 2019

For starters:

What is the biggest thing impacting you right now?

When you're really down, do you want to be alone or with others? Where do you go to "get yourself together?"

Guideline: The following is meant to provide an approach for further interaction with the corresponding sermon text and the surrounding passage. Feel free to forward to your small group members ahead of the respective Sunday. Group members may also find this write up in print on that Sunday.

First, as you can, read aloud and slowly the selected passage in your group. If you have time, read it aloud a second time - from a different Bible translation.

Before you begin your discussion, pray, and ask God to speak to your group. Listen attentively, and notice, what may God be highlighting for your consideration and learning?

Now that you have listened to the text together and prayed, what points and open-ended questions arise from your group? Spend plenty of time in your group to address these questions. Explore and see what God may reveal through the discussion and discovery. The following are further questions you may use to guide your interaction with the text.

1. What are the two disciples talking about as they walk (see vv 19-24)? What tones of voice do you hear? What hopes are dashed? What plans might they be making? How do they react to the "stranger"?

2. From your knowledge of OT prophecy, what passages might "the stranger" have discussed with them in verses 25-27 (see Isaiah 7:14; Micah 5:2; Malachi 3:1; Zechariah 9:9 and 13:7). Why did Jesus do a roundabout Bible study rather than just reveal his identity immediately and directly?

3. Why did Jesus act as if he was going further?

4. What has happened to the other disciples that have caused them to change their minds from verse 11? Why a special appearance to Peter?

5. What helps you recognize Jesus alongside you when you are down? Spending time alone with God? Talking with someone who cares? Reading Scripture? Focusing on worship? Fellowship with others? Other? Share and discuss.

6. Where is your "Road to Emmaus" - the place where Jesus surprised you recently? What happened? Did you urge him to stay (v 29)? Why or why not?

7. If Jesus were to walk for a few kilometers with you today, what would you talk with him about? Family? Job? Church? The future? Struggles you're going through? Appreciations? Other? Share and discuss.

8. How well do you think you can explain the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ, and the way a person can have a relationship with him? Take heart, and earnestly try rehearsing or role-playing this in your group. Who could you communicate these truths with this week?

Prayer:

Jesus, thank you for loving us first, that we know your great love and share it with others. Lord, thank you that you transform hearts, minds, groups, and societies with your love coming through us and others. Lord, please diminish our worry, and open our eyes once more to your great, life-changing love. In your name, we pray and give thanks, amen.

*These questions were adapted from The Serendipity Bible for Groups (Zondervan, 1998).