

WEEK 9 - THE ROAD TO EMMAUS

OVERVIEW

After the crucifixion of Jesus, many of Jesus' disciples were plunged into despair. However, upon his resurrection, Christ began to meet with these beleaguered followers to help them understand what had actually transpired. He appeared to two of these disciples on the road to Emmaus, explaining to them how his death and resurrection fulfilled what had been written in the Old Testament. In this message we will consider the grand story Jesus invites us into and what it means to follow him into his mission to heal the world.

They said to each other, "Didn't our hearts burn within us as he talked with us on the road and explained the Scriptures to us?" And within the hour they were on their way back to Jerusalem. Luke 24:32-33

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

- 1. Read Luke 24:13-32. Discuss your initial thoughts about this encounter with Jesus.
- 2. If these two were followers of Jesus, why do you think God kept them from recognizing him?
- 3. Consider the phrase "eyes to see and ears to hear". What does this mean to you?
- 4. Share a time when you read the Bible and were so moved that you had to share it with somone.
- 5. Are you ready to "run into the dark world and share the message that will cause the hearts of the ones you love to to burn"? What would that look like?
- 6. Questions to help us engage our hearts and minds each week of this series:
 - a. How do I relate to the disciples? What part of their story do you relate to? Do you see any part of yourself in them? Can you relate to the way they react to certain things? Do you identify with them in any way?
 - b. How did I encounter Jesus?
 - c. What is God's invitation to me today?