

GROWTH GROUP DISCUSSION QUESTIONS Spring Quarter - Lesson 2 - Week of April 20, 2025

Lesson: SEEING JESUS IN YOUR LIFE

Bible Verses: Luke 24:1-53; John 10:14-27; Ephesians 1:15-17; Philippians 3:8-10; I John 2:3-6

GETTING TO KNOW YOU

1. What's a unique fact about you?

2. What is your philosophy of life?

DISCUSSION

Then their eyes were opened and they recognized Him, and He disappeared from their sight. They asked each other, "Were not our hearts burning within us while He talked with us on the road and opened scriptures to us?" -Luke 24:31-32

Reflection: If you know Jesus personally, someone likely introduced Him to you. Perhaps many people contributed to your decision to come to Jesus. Take a few minutes to reflect on the people through whom God worked to communicate His message of love to you. Who helped you understand your need for a relationship with Jesus? How did they do it?

Situation: Luke tells us that on the first day of the week, several women went to Jesus' tomb but found it empty. As they stood wondering about this, two angels appeared and told them that Jesus had risen from the dead. The news spread like wildfire...though Jesus' followers had a tough time accepting it.

Two believers left Jerusalem and headed to Emmaus, a town in Judea that appears only once in Scripture (Luke 24:13). As they walked and talked, another man joined them, asking interesting questions and seeming curiously ignorant of the recent events. The travelers were amazed at how much the stranger knew about Jesus and the ancient scriptures. His companionship was so warm that they could not resist inviting him to stay for dinner that evening. That is when their eyes were opened. Read Luke 24:13-35.

- 1. What did the men say about Jesus? How did Jesus respond to them?
- 2. Why do you think Jesus did not make Himself known to the men?
- 3. What did the men do after they realized Jesus had been among them?
- 4. What prevents some people today from recognizing Jesus as Savior?

- 5. In what diverse ways does Jesus reveal Himself to people today?
- 6. What role does the Holy Spirit play in helping us see Jesus?
- 7. Is Jesus walking with you today?

Inspiration: Has it been a while since you have seen Jesus? If your prayers seem stale, your faith is wavering, your vision of Him through faith is blurred, and you cannot find the strength to face your problems, it is time to build a stronger relationship with Jesus.

- 1. How can meeting Jesus transform a person's life?
- 2. What was your first real encounter with Jesus? What enabled you to see Him as the Messiah?
- 3. How do life's problems and disappointments hinder our communion with God?
- 4. What can believers do when God seems far away?
- 5. What steps can you take to nurture your relationship with Jesus?

Life Lessons: This study may become a "Road to Emmaus" lesson for you. You thought you knew Jesus, but you discovered there's a lot more to Jesus than you realized. But you can be sure of this: even as Jesus made Himself unexpectedly available and known to His disciples on the road, He will do the same for you. At times when you least expect Him, Jesus will show up and have an impact on your situation. Live your life for Him, and you will be delighted with how often you notice that you are living with Him.

Lessons from the Road to Emmaus: Recognizing Jesus in Daily Life

- 1. Jesus walks with us in our discouragement.
- 2. Jesus is revealed in the Scriptures. Read them daily.
- 3. Jesus is everywhere, and we can see Him if we open our eyes.
- 4. Jesus is with us in our time of worship.
- 5. Jesus is present in our darkest moments, even when we cannot see our way out of trouble.

Devotion: Father, thank you for sending your Son to free us from the penalty of sin. Thank you for raising your Son from the dead and allowing Him to live in our lives. Guide us into a deeper relationship with you and help us accept Jesus as our Savior so that when we face troubling times, we may run to you and rest securely in your presence. Thank you for showing up on our road of life.

Journaling: How has meeting Jesus impacted your life?