

A Walk with Jesus**Luke 24:13-35****Warm Up**

I remember as a child having high expectations of a holiday I was looking forward to. However it failed to live up to expectations and left me disappointed. When have you been let down by your expectations of life?

Background and context

Jesus has been crucified, the hopes and dreams of all His followers were dashed. They had high hopes that Jesus was the one to rescue Israel! It is the third day and rumours about Jesus body disappearing are rife! As these two disciples walk forlornly home to Emmaus, Jesus walks with them. He does not reveal His true identity but leads them to a deeper understanding of who He is, until they see it for themselves. This is how the Holy Spirit works in our lives, revealing to us the truths of Jesus until we accept for ourselves!

Thinking it through: Main discussion/activity

READ Luke 24:13-35. What are the surprising things in the passage? What is new? What don't you really understand?

1. How do you think Jesus kept His identity from them? Why do you think Jesus deliberately did this?
2. Notice how Jesus initiates a conversation and gets them to reveal their sadness. He then explains things to them. How might this approach be used by us today in our evangelism? Is there a better or alternative way of sharing Jesus with people?
3. **Read v19-27.** What were the disciples missing in their understanding of events? How does Jesus fill in the blanks?
4. Many people have an incomplete understanding of Jesus and don't quite "get it". How can we fill in the blanks for them? What does this mean we need to do first?
5. What do you think are the biggest misunderstandings people have about Jesus? What scriptures can we point to, in order to correct people? Share some together. Discuss how you might use them to explain about Jesus. (A starter for you. John 1:1-4)
6. How did the two disciples realise it was Jesus? What other thing confirmed it? (v32)
7. How life changing was the walk with Jesus? What did they do in response?

Discipleship and Application

8. As Christians, we sometimes forget Jesus walks with us in our dark times. Look up the following. How might they help us in times of despondency? Deut 31:8, Psalm 23:4, Psalm 46:1, John 16:33, Romans 8:37-39

Try to leave 15-20 mins to talk about prayer needs of the group and to pray.

There are many creative ways of praying together: writing prayers, using candles as a focus, reading prayers or praying for each other in pairs. Try out an alternative way of praying together.