

TABLE TALK

FAMILY DISCUSSION GUIDE for April 24-April 30, 2022

WEEKLY READINGS: Luke 24:13-35; I Corinthians 15:5-8; II Kings 6:15-20; I Cor. 11:23-26; Philippians 3:10

LUKE-ACTS: 40 Days with the Risen King Pt. 1 – “Emmaus”

Exploring the amazing 40-day journey of Jesus witnessing to over 500 people for 40 days after His resurrection and before His Ascension

FOCUS: Luke 24:13-35

The Resurrected (yet Unrecognized) King Walks 7 Miles with Two Men

“That very day two of them were going to a village named Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, and they were talking with each other about all these things that had happened. While they were talking and discussing together, Jesus himself drew near and went with them.”

BIG IDEA 1 – Immediately after His resurrection, Jesus appeared to over 500 people in His postmortem, resurrected body. This is confirmed by many historical eye witness accounts as well as documented by the Apostle Paul in I Cor. 15:5-8. One of His first appearances were with two men walking on a 7-mile journey from Jerusalem to Emmaus. These two were severely discouraged after seeing their Messiah crucified and had lost hope. Jesus walks with them and once they sit down to “break bread together” (vs. 30) they immediately realize that they had been walking and talking with Jesus himself!

Q1- Do you believe that it is possible to “walk with the Lord” yet not actually recognize Him in your everyday life? If so, how? How did “breaking bread together” on the 7th mile allow them to recognize Jesus and know who He was? What does “breaking bread” potentially look like for us today?

FOCUS: II Kings 6:15-20

Open Our Eyes, LORD, That We May See!

“Don’t be afraid!” Elisha told him. “For there are more on our side than on theirs!” Then Elisha prayed, “O Lord, open his eyes and let him see!” The Lord opened the young man’s eyes, and when he looked up, he saw that the hillside around Elisha was filled with horses and chariots of fire.”

BIG IDEA 2 – Sometimes fear and discouragement can cause us to lose our focus and take our eyes off the Lord. The two on the road to Emmaus felt so much disappointment and discouragement that they could not even recognize the Lord. In this story, Elisha the prophet asks God to open the eyes of his young servant who was fearful when an invading army approached them. Once God opened this man’s eyes, he could see that there was **more with the Lord** than those against him. Hebrews 12:1-2 encourages us that, “we are surrounded by a great cloud of witnesses,” so we should never lose hope!

Q2- It’s easy to get discouraged and fearful during trials that cause us to take our eyes off the Lord and lose having an eternal perspective in our everyday lives. What are 2-3 things that have caused you to take your focus off the Lord in the past?

FOCUS: I Corinthians 11:23-26

Communion: Communing With the Risen King

“What you must solemnly realize is that every time you eat this bread and every time you drink this cup, you reenact in your words and actions the death of the Master. You will be drawn back to this meal again and again until the Master returns.” (I Corinthians 11:26, The Message Translation). (See also Luke 22:19-20, which this passage is based upon)

BIG IDEA 3 – As followers of Jesus, we should want to **know Christ** and experience the **power His resurrection** through **participation** in His death (Phil. 3:10). Every time we take communion, it is a powerful act of REMEMBRANCE that causes us to **participate** in the finished work of Christ for salvation and a declaration that we are eagerly awaiting His return one day!

Q3- Describe how you usually participate in communion? What is your favorite thing about it? Do you only take it during a church service or do you also take it at home with family and friends? What are some ways taking communion helps us get to **KNOW** Jesus better and experience the power of His resurrection until He returns for us again one day?