

## **Apr 14 – Small Groups - Luke 24:13-35 “Easter: Afternoon”**

### **Read Luke 24:13-35**

In this passage Luke is revealing the transformation that may come from an encounter with the resurrected Jesus.

1. What are the initial signs of transformation we see in the passage?
2. What were the disciple's expectations of Jesus? What are your expectations of Jesus? (How would you finish the sentence – I hope that Jesus would...)
3. In what ways can our expectations of Jesus make us blind (as were the disciples) to his presence and work in our lives?
4. Luke deliberately draws our attention to a decision the disciples made, that is to invite the stranger to remain with them. It is by virtue of this decision that we learn the importance of community in encountering the resurrected Jesus. What role has community played in your own walk of faith?
5. Why is community necessary? How could you deepen in community?

### **Read Genesis 3:1-13a**

Luke phrases their recognition of Jesus very distinctively – their eyes were opened, and they recognized (vs. 31). This is the very same phrase that is used in Genesis 3:7 during the meal of forbidden fruit.

6. In the sermon Tim commented that in this moment they recognized that in Jesus, in his death and resurrection all the aftereffects of this meal of forbidden fruit were dealt with. What were the aftereffects of this meal, and how does Jesus deal with them?

Our Anglican liturgical pattern deliberately follows this text. Each Sunday is seen as a mini-easter, an opportunity to encounter Jesus. We gather, embrace community, we open the word hungry to behold Jesus, we gather around a table and break bread, and then are sent out as witnesses to the hope we have encountered in Jesus.

7. How does this understanding shape how you engage worship?
8. How does encountering the resurrected Jesus shape how we finished the sentence – I hope that Jesus would...?