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Leader's Guide
"Our Companion on the Way"

Luke 24:13-35

1. Where do you resonate with the disciples "walking away from Jerusalem"? Have you ever experienced disappointment with God, faith, or expectations that didn't come true?

For the leader:

- Give space here – don't rush to 'fix' anything.
- Normalise that disappointment is a part of faith, not a failure of it.
- If needed, you can gently offer examples (burnout, unanswered prayer, church hurt, unmet hopes).

2. What stands out to you about how Jesus approaches the disciples on the road? What does this tell us about how he meets us?

For the leader:

- Notice Jesus' posture: he comes alongside, listens first, asks questions, not correcting immediately.
- You might ask a follow-up question: *How is this different from how we often expect God to act?*
- Help the group notice the patience and gentleness of Jesus.

3. The disciples open up honestly to a stranger. What do you think made Jesus feel "safe" to them? What would it look like for you to speak that honestly with Jesus?

For the leader:

- Some may struggle with prayer as "filtered" or performative—this is a chance to reframe.
- Keep it invitational, not pressuring people to share beyond comfort.

4. Have you ever had a moment where something "clicked" spiritually—where God helped you see things differently? What was that like?

For the leader:

- If you have a personal example to share, great! If not, you can name some examples (a sermon, conversation, season of life, Scripture insight).

- Emphasize that understanding often unfolds gradually (like the disciples).
- You can connect to the “hearts burning” image—what stirs that in us?

5. The turning point comes when the disciples invite Jesus to stay. What might it look like for you to “invite Jesus in” more intentionally right now?

For the leader:

- Avoid making this feel like pressure or obligation—frame it as invitation.
- This is not just for those who have not yet invited Jesus in – it’s for all of us. What are some ways we can intentionally open ourselves up to Jesus’ presence this week?

6. The disciples recognize Jesus in the breaking of the bread and immediately go share the news. Where do you notice Jesus’ presence in your life—and how might you share that with others?

For the leader:

- Help people think broadly: not just dramatic moments, but ordinary encounters – perhaps in communion, relationships, or everyday life.
- Encourage simple, natural sharing—not forced “evangelism,” but simply telling of people’s own experiences.

Optional Closing Reflection

Invite the group into a brief moment of silence with this question:

“Jesus, where are you walking alongside me right now?”