

THE APPEARANCE ON THE ROAD TO EMMAUS

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Facilitator (or Prayer Leader) Script

- As I read the scripture reflection, slowly... allow it to speak to you...
- Pay attention to the memories and experiences that are brought to your mind...
- How does the story connect to your day-to-day life and community realities...

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He asked them, "What are you discussing as you walk along?" They stopped, and looking downcast they said to him, "The things that happened to Jesus the Nazarene, how our chief priests and rulers handed him over to a sentence of death and crucified him. Some women from our group, however, have astounded us: they were at the tomb early in the morning and did not find his body; they came back and reported that they had indeed seen a vision of angels who announced that he was alive.

Then beginning with Moses and all the prophets, Jesus interpreted for them all that referred to him in the scriptures. As they approached the village they urged him, "Stay with us, for it is nearly evening and the day is almost over." So, he went in to stay with them.

And it happened that, while he was with them at table, he took bread, said the blessing, broke it, and gave it to them. With that their eyes were opened, and they recognized him, but he vanished from their sight. Then they said to each other, "Were not our hearts burning within us while he spoke to us on the way and opened the scriptures for us?" So, they set out at once and returned to Jerusalem.

- Just like the disciples on the road to Emmaus, we have experiences of relationship in our communities, and it is through those real experiences - walking together sharing life and faith, breaking bread with each other - that we recognise who Jesus is and where we find him in our communities.
- Thinking about this story from Scripture, and what you have read in the Draft Plan, you will now each have 2 minutes each to share with your group ***What part of the Draft Plan connects most with your life experience, and why?***
- Call to mind the faces of people in your community...
- Think about the real interactions you have had that bring you here...

A printable format of the Scripture story is available below, should you wish to provide it to participants of your Think Tank session.



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