



Easter Sunday
April 4, 2010 Message
Luke 24:1-25

READ Luke 24:1-12

1. What is surprising about who first experiences the resurrection?

REFLECT

2. The angel seems surprised that the women expect to find Jesus' dead body. He reminds them that Jesus told them this would happen. Why do we struggle to believe that God will do what He promises?

LIVE

3. What difference does the resurrection make in the Christian faith? What does the resurrection mean to you personally?

READ Luke 24:13-27

4. Imagine what the two disciples are talking about while they are walking before Jesus joins them. What is their tone of voice? What hopes are dashed? What kind of plans might they be making?

5. Why do you think these disciples did not recognize Jesus?

6. What passages from the Old Testament might have Jesus used to explain why the Messiah needed to suffer and rise again? Why do you think Jesus used Scripture to explain the story instead of just saying, "It is me, Jesus"?

REFLECT

7. When in your life have you had an Emmaus experience, in the sense that Jesus showed up unexpectedly to reveal Himself and teach you something?

LIVE

8. Spend some time alone with God reflecting on the Easter story. Give thanks for the moments of wonder in your relationship with Him. Talk to Him about the broken places in your life where you want to see redemption and wonder.

This year, our CPC community is focusing on knowing Jesus through the writings of Luke. We've developed this devotional tool to help you or your small group take the message beyond the weekend and into life. We offer three sections to help you engage with the text:

1. Read. Be still and read the text. Listen for words and phrases that you resist and words that reassure you.

2. Reflect. Let these questions and suggestions guide you as you engage with the reading a second time.

3. Live. We believe that God primarily uses relationships, experiences, and spiritual practices in our lives to make us more like Jesus. Here we offer suggestions for you to apply what you've read in this passage.