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The Emmaus Road

Community Life Group Questions for 05.01.11

Have you ever suddenly understood a truth about something that had earlier confused you? What was the situation and what was it like coming into understanding after being lost?

Read Luke 24:17

1. Why were these two disciples of Jesus waking away from Jerusalem towards Emmaus at that specific time? What kind of emotions do you suppose they were experiencing? How is it possible they were missing the significance of History's greatest event...even after hearing from the women who had seen the angel?
2. How are your expectations of the Christian life sometimes changed by life's events and trials? What do you think your life would be like after you became a Christian? Have you ever felt like running away from the fellowship of other believers? Have you ever been guilty of feeling like throwing in the towel?

Read Luke 24:18-25

3. What were these disciples focused on? How is it possible they missed the reality of the present? (See vs. 21) In what ways do you struggle with focusing on the past? What does focusing on the past do to your ability to grow with Jesus?
4. How does Jesus feel about our walk with him when we're stuck in the past? (See vs. 25) Why did Jesus explain the scriptures to the men? Do you ever feel like you struggle to understand a passage of scripture? When that happens what can you do for answers?

Read Luke 24:25-35

5. Do you believe these men doubted the goodness of God? Why or why not? In what ways do you struggle to believe the goodness of God?
6. How did these men respond to their encounter with Jesus? (See vs. 33-35) Why did they then want to return to Jerusalem?
7. What is the thing that triggers a spiritual crisis for in your life?
 - (A) Financial panic
 - (B) Anger with God over personal tragedy
 - (C) Disappointment in a relationship
 - (D) Domestic problems/hassles
 - (E) questions/doubts about my faith
 - (F) Lack of direction from God
 - (G) Disillusionment with my church
 - (H) Other _____

Spend time praying for one another...