

DID NOT OUR HEARTS BURN WITHIN US?

LUKE 24:13-35 // PASTOR TODD DUGARD
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I have certainty about Jesus because I know his presence (24:13-16), I remember his mission (24:17-24), I hear his Word (24:25-27), I experience his power (24:28-32), and I see his work (24:33-35).

GROUP DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

Has there been a time in your life when your heart was burning within you and you later realized it was Jesus? Describe a time that you knew Jesus was with you.

What could you do to reduce the negative effects of distraction, noise, self-centeredness, or people pleasing on your sense of Jesus' presence in your life? Which one of these most problematic for you?

What do we need to hear from God's word about these misleading ideas? Which one of these ideas do you struggle with the most?

"God owes me" (Philippians 3:7-9)

"Bad things shouldn't happen to me" (Job 2:10, 2 Cor 11:24-27)

"If I have enough faith I can get what I want from God" (2 Corinthians 12:7-10)

What are some of the subtle ways you've experienced God's power as you've been reflecting on promises from His word? How have these personal experiences helped you believe?

Jesus could have had angels announce the gospel to the world but instead he had ordinary people from everyday Jerusalem share the good news. What is it that helps us believe in a message when it comes from a person we can relate to?

How has Jesus made it easy for people to relate to you compared to a preacher in a formal church setting or posting messages online? Conversely, is there something you are aware of that prevents people from taking your message about Jesus to heart?

If you are in a small group take some time to share your story with others. Write down a few talking points about how Jesus helped you believe in him.