

**Easter Encounters (2 of 5)**  
Small Group Discussion Questions

**PUBLIC WORSHIP DURING THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC**

The global pandemic COVID-19 has forced us to adjust and adapt how we do church and stay connected to one another as a congregation. We're not closed as a church, we're just doing church differently! So, please stay connected to the body at Grantham Church. Join our congregation for worship in-person with restrictions or online at 10:30 am each Sunday morning via our Grantham Church YouTube Channel. For more information, please go to the [Grantham Church Live](#) page at our website.

As usual, the sermons will be posted to the [recent sermons page](#) on our website and at the [Grantham Church Podcast](#) the following day, along with the small group discussion questions under Worship Resources. Thank you for staying connected with us!

**Sunday, April 25th 2021**



**Sermon Title:** Disciples on the Emmaus Road

**Scripture Reading:** Isaiah 53; Luke 24:13-35; Romans 10:17; Ephesians 1:17-20

**Sermon Focus:** The risen Jesus walked alongside two disciples on their way home from a devastating weekend in Jerusalem. Jesus died and their hopes died with him, so they thought. But Jesus surprised them by explaining how the Scriptures foretold all that had happened. And that was before they recognized him when he broke bread at the table. Listen as Pastor David shares the lessons to be learned from this incredible story.

Thank you for going deeper in conversation with your small group in person, by phone, or video call. Use the following questions to help *guide* your small group discussion:

1. This week's Scripture reading focuses on another post-resurrection appearance of Jesus. Pastor David begins his message by pointing out that the two disciples on the road to Emmaus might be a husband and wife, maybe even the aunt and uncle of Jesus. However, we could also read the story of the unnamed disciple as a placeholder for you, the reader. Share how these different understandings of the two disciples encountering the risen Jesus can impact our understanding.
2. Read Luke 24:13-35 together. What observations do you make about this story? What details jump out at you? What do you find particularly interesting?
5. Jesus revealed the true meaning of Scripture to these disciples and Luke says that their hearts were "burning" within them—giving them a new perspective on the biblical story, who Jesus was, and what they had witnessed. Have you ever experienced something like this before? Share your story with the group.
6. Pastor David said that the disciples were kept from recognizing Jesus because:
  1. He wanted their honesty and to see how they'd respond.
  2. He wanted them to see him in the Scripture & the Table.
  3. He wanted them to see the need for a *spiritual* revelation.

Why are these things so important? How are they relevant today?

7. At the end of the sermon, Pastor David shared some other lessons we can learn from this story. How do these speak to you? Also, are there others you'd add?
  - We can be in the presence of the Lord and not recognize him because the eyes of our heart haven't been opened.
  - We can quit and walk away too soon and miss the Lord; in his grace he may catch up with us, but we will have missed things.
  - Like the two disciples on the road, Jesus can restore our soul, revive our dead aspirations, and renew our calling.
  - We must *invite* Jesus to abide with us. Otherwise, he may move on to those who desire a fresh Easter encounter.