

# MISSIONAL GROUPS

Dinner with Jesus  
August 31, 2025  
Luke 24:13-35

**WELCOME** – Potluck – Sharing a meal together. Icebreaker questions with group members to connect with one another relationally and get everyone comfortable with sharing.

- Ask how they've seen God working in their lives since you met last. (or relating to the previous meeting's discussion)

How can an ordinary meal open our eyes to Jesus?

**WORSHIP** - *after dinner* - to draw our hearts to the Lord and invite Him into our discussion

- Join in singing a worship song:
- (found on this link: <https://vimeo.com/showcase/11393450>)

**WORD** - Facilitate discussion using the guide below and to consider how the sermon applies to our lives

Focus: Dinner with a Stranger

Luke 24:13-35

<sup>13</sup>That very day two of them were going to a village named Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, <sup>14</sup>and they were talking with each other about all these things that had happened. <sup>15</sup>While they were talking and discussing together, Jesus himself drew near and went with them. <sup>16</sup>But their eyes were kept from recognizing him. <sup>17</sup>And he said to them, "What is this conversation that you are holding with each other as you walk?" And they stood still, looking sad. <sup>18</sup>Then one of them, named Cleopas, answered him, "Are you the only visitor to Jerusalem who does not know the things that have happened there in these days?" <sup>19</sup>And he said to them, "What things?" And they said to him, "Concerning Jesus of Nazareth, a man who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, <sup>20</sup>and how our chief priests and rulers delivered him up to be condemned to death and crucified him. <sup>21</sup>But we had hoped that he was the one to redeem Israel. Yes, and besides all this, it is now the third day since these things happened. <sup>22</sup>Moreover, some women of our company amazed us. They were at the tomb early in the

morning,<sup>23</sup>and when they did not find his body, they came back saying that they had even seen a vision of angels, who said that he was alive. <sup>24</sup>Some of those who were with us went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said, but him they did not see.” <sup>25</sup>And he said to them, “O foolish ones, and slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have spoken! <sup>26</sup>Was it not necessary that the Christ should suffer these things and enter into his glory?”

<sup>27</sup>And beginning with Moses and all the Prophets, he interpreted to them in all the Scriptures the things concerning himself.

<sup>28</sup>So they drew near to the village to which they were going. He acted as if he were going farther, <sup>29</sup>but they urged him strongly, saying, “Stay with us, for it is toward evening and the day is now far spent.” So, he went in to stay with them.

<sup>30</sup>When he was at table with them; he took the bread and blessed and broke it and gave it to them. <sup>31</sup>And their eyes were opened, and they recognized him. And he vanished from their sight. <sup>32</sup>They said to each other, “Did not our hearts

burn within us while he talked to us on the road, while he opened to us the Scriptures?” <sup>33</sup>And they rose that same hour and returned to Jerusalem. And they found the eleven and those who were with them gathered together,

<sup>34</sup>saying, “The Lord has risen indeed, and has appeared to Simon!”<sup>35</sup>Then they told what had happened on the road, and how he was known to them in the breaking of the bread.

#### Discussion Questions:

1. How many times has Jesus been there in our lives and we didn't recognize Him?
2. How can you ensure that life's distractions do not blind you to God? What steps can you actively take?
3. People are hungry to fill their lives, searching in the wrong places. Is there someone in your life God is placing on your heart to reach out to? Reach out to them, invite the people around us into relationships.

#### **WITNESS:** Joining Jesus in His mission

In response to what you learned about today, discuss and reflect on the following questions:

The risen Jesus is recognized in the breaking of bread. Meals can become sacred encounters, especially seen in the celebration of the Lord's Supper. What is God challenging you in your heart and what we learned about spiritual awakening?

Based on what I learned today what are some ways that I will live differently?

How will I apply these scriptures in my day-to-day life?

Take time to pray for each other that God would help us open our eyes for when He is working right in front of our blind eyes.