#### **Discussion Guide**

# The Savior Enigma: The Road to Emmaus April 16, 2023

#### Big Idea

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What breaking news story do you recall being significantly "sucked into" to the point where you kept investigating & looking for the latest information on? Why did it intrigue you so much?

## Discussion Questions

- 1. In the background of Jesus' final days, before his death & resurrection, was the Jewish holiday of Passover. What do you think were perhaps (we can't completely figure out God) some of God's reasons for this timing? (hints...what did the holiday of Passover remember or celebrate & why may have God thus chosen this timing? What did many Jewish people (like the two main human characters of Luke 24) do when this festival was taking place in Jerusalem? Why may God have chosen this time in the city of Jerusalem to reveal His Son in his fullness?)
- 2. Do you have any personal stories from your own life to share and to testify about regarding God's perfect & specific timing?
- 3. Read Luke 24:13-24. Why do you think Jesus chose to approach these two in a guestioning fashion (asking them to explain what they were talking about, etc.) & in a somewhat drawn-out fashion versus just appearing to them in a way that they knew he was Christ immediately and through telling them that he rose from the dead? What was the effect of Jesus' method here? What may we be able to learn from this to apply to the way that we share Jesus with others?
- 4. Read Luke 24:25-27. What do you think about the way Jesus spoke to these two? Is the way he did a manner that you would have expected from him to, or is it a tad shocking and why? Up to this point of this account what are some ways you would describe Jesus' character? How does that make you view and/or feel about him?
- 5. Read Luke 24:28-35. What do you think it was about the moment that Christ took the bread, gave thanks, broke it and began to give it to them that resulted in their eyes being opened? Do any of his specific actions (underlined) speak more to you than another? Why do you think Jesus up & disappeared immediately? What did they do because he had? If he hadn't what would have perhaps changed?

## ( Concluding Question

The skepticism & heartbreak of these two were replaced with joy & a passion to share the news. How is/has the story of Jesus led you to respond? What is something you need to do this week as a result of what you've heard?

Application

- 1. What do you think the Holy Spirit may be saying to you through this sermon and our discussion?
- 2. What is something God wants you to do now?
- 3. Is there a way we can help each other apply what God is showing us?



<u>Prayer</u>

Pray for our upcoming All Campuses Together Service at McKinley on 4/30 at 10:30am...that all campuses coming together would be such a joy and worship-filled experience for our God & us!