

# Easter Sunday Discussion Questions

## Outline of Pastor Mike's Sermon

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### **The Strange Interruptions (vv.13-19a)**

- The irony of questioning the savior while walking with the savior
- The honesty of the Scriptures about skeptics

### **The Inconvenience of Deliverance (vv.19b-28)**

- Cleopas' frustration with the sufferings of this world
- The necessity of Christ's suffering
  - Romans 6.5-11
- All of the Scriptures point to Jesus

### **A Revealing Meal (vv.28-35)**

- Impractical method of revelation
- Dramatic response

### **Implications**

- The Resurrection gives the mundane meaning
- The Resurrection transforms suffering into revelation
  - "Convinced I often miss out on the good work Jesus laid before the foundations simply because it is usually dressed from head to toe with inconvenience."
  - The pattern of Scripture

## Discussion Questions

Read Luke 24:13-35

1. Pastor Mike opened and closed his sermon by reflecting on the impact of the resurrection of Jesus. Specifically, he said that the resurrection of Jesus matters because it changes everything.

a. How does the resurrection of Jesus change things for you? What difference does the resurrection of Jesus make in your life?

b. Pastor Mike gave two examples of how it changes things. The first was that it makes the mundane meaningful. What does that mean and how does it do that?

c. The other example that Mike gave was that Jesus' resurrection redeems our suffering because in it we can see the beauty of Jesus more clearly. What does this mean and how does the resurrection do this?

2. When Jesus encountered Cleopas and his friend on the road to Emmaus, they were both distraught because Jesus wasn't the kind of savior they were hoping for, that is, he didn't meet their expectations?

a. How can you relate? In what ways have you found that your expectations and your experience as a Christ follower have been in conflict?

b. How has this affected you (e.g. discouragement, frustrations, doubt)?

c. Jesus addresses Cleopas and his companion's doubt and despair by unpacking the Scriptures to them and helping them to understand what God's word really says and what God's plan really was.

1) What was the source of the disciple's discouragement?

2) How do your unmet expectations compare with God has said in Scripture?

3. What do we do when we discover that our expectations are inconsistent with God's plan and purposes? How do we learn to accept God's ways as better than ours?

a. In this passage, what is it that transforms the disciples from discouraged and frustrated to joyful and resolute?

b. What does this teach us about how to come to terms with God's ways and accept them as good?