

## Week 1: The Road

Do you ever wonder what happened after that first Easter morning? The gospels tell us that Jesus made himself seen to certain people after his resurrection. How? Why? Is there anything we can learn from those events?

## **Discussion Questions**

- 1. Which part of this message was most impactful for you and why?
- 2. What's something you remember happening that you would have never believed had you not seen it with your own eyes?
- 3. If you weren't a firsthand witness to something incredible (for instance, the moon landing), what would it take to convince you it happened?
- 4. **Read Luke 24:13-24.** For these two followers of Jesus, what was their initial response to the empty tomb? Do you identify with their doubts about the resurrection? How does their subsequent belief affect the credibility of their testimonies?
- 5. **Read Luke 24:25-35**. In you own words, how did this close encounter with Jesus impact the lives of these followers? The rest of the group? How do you think it would impact the remainder of their lives?
- 6. Jesus' followers disengaged, but then re-engaged after they saw him resurrected. Talk about the impact, if any, the resurrected Jesus is having on your life today.
- 7. There were two main application points from Sunday's message: "Don't walk away when things don't go your way", and "Knowing there's an empty tomb is not the same as believing Jesus is alive." Of the two, which do you tend to struggle with the most? Why? How can this group help and/or be praying for you?

They asked each other, "Were not our hearts burning within us while he talked with us on the road and opened the Scriptures to us?" They got up and returned at once to Jerusalem. There they found the Eleven and those with them, assembled together and saying, "It is true! The Lord has risen and has appeared to Simon." Then the two told what had happened on the way, and how Jesus was recognized by them when he broke the bread. ~ Luke 24:32-35