

# Sermon Discussion Guide Week of 04/30/2017

### > Icebreaker

Tell about the weirdest or craziest outfit you have ever worn.

#### > Announcements

Invite someone to our "Faith and Doubt" series.

# > Prayer Time

## > Discussion Questions

Read Luke 24:13-18. Why do you think Jesus disguised Himself? What was He trying to show Cleopas and the other disciple than, and us, now?

Read Luke 24:19-24. In verse 21 it says that these two men were downcast because Jesus died and was now unable to "redeem" Israel. What does this mean? How does Acts 1:4-7 voice the same expectation?

According to Acts 1:8 what does Jesus intend on doing instead of setting up an earthly political kingdom? What are some of the ways that people feel and react when God doesn't make sense, meet our expectations or deal with things the way we think He should? What kind of doubt can build up in our hearts and minds?

In Luke 24:25-27, how does Jesus respond to the doubt and despair of the two disciples? How is Jesus honest with us but also patient? What does Jesus not say to these men in the face of their doubt that sometimes religious people do say?

Why is it significant in this story that Jesus walked Cleopas and the other disciple through the scriptures, making the connections between the Old Testament, the death and resurrection of Jesus, and the New Testament? What do the following verses say about God's willingness and desire to give us the insight and info we need to have faith: 2 Peter 1:3-14; 2 Peter 1:16-21; 2 Peter 3:18? How does this reinforce the idea that God is not asking us to embrace a blind faith?

What outcome might we expect from a world view of hard core unbelief that offers no purpose in this life and no hope for the next? What does faith in Jesus offer instead: John 8:32,36: John 14:6; Romans 8:1-2; Acts 3:19; 1 John 3:2-3.

> Conversational Prayer: Dear God help me...