Life Group Study Guide

For the week of April 9th

Ice Breaker

Were you able to attend one or both of the Easter Services at Westside? How did the Good Friday and Easter Sunday service(s) inspire you?

Introduction

Have you ever had that experience of seeing someone familiar, and just not quite being able to place them. You know, you know them from somewhere – but where? And what on earth is their name?

Read Luke 24:13-35

1. The same day that the resurrection took place, Jesus has an encounter with two men as they journey to a city called Emmaus. Why didn't they recognize him? Was it simply that they really didn't expect to see him? Was his appearance changed in some way?

2. And once they have recognized him, they see their encounter with him differently. The disciples both recognize Jesus as the friend whom they thought they had lost forever, and recognize him as the risen Christ. He is both strange and familiar to them.

    - Why is the term 'recognize" used and what does it say about this meeting?
    - What can we learn from this story?
    - What hinders us from recognizing when Jesus is walking with us?

Moving Forward

When and where and how have we recognized Jesus in our own lives and experiences? When are the times that our hearts have burned within us? When are the times that we have looked back and recognized God in an experience in which we didn't see God at the time?

Pray

As we reflect on Good Friday, let's pray for everyone that brought "something" to the Cross. Pray for Helen Manning (baptized on Easter Sunday) to continue to grow spiritually. And for several others that are considering getting baptized - to know when the decision is right for them.