

Small Group Bible Study Questions. Sermon by Pastor John Fortune. April 12'26: "Tanakh: The Bible Jesus Read" Luke 24:13-32

From Brendan: "These questions are a guide. You do not have to use every question. Knowing your group, go over these questions and ask God what questions you should focus on. May God bless and guide your discussions!"

- Welcome everyone and open with prayer. **Optional:** take communion together!

Icebreaker Question:

- Have you ever been on a hike/outdoor adventure/travelling and had a really good spiritual conversation with someone? Do you remember what it was about?

Follow-up from last week:

- How did practicing one belief or habit in your life that wasn't lining up with the idea that Jesus rose from the dead?

Read and Discuss Luke 24:13-32

- What details stand out to you in this narrative?
 1. The disciples had accurate information about Jesus but still did not recognize him. Where might familiarity with Christian ideas make it harder, rather than easier, to perceive what God is doing?
 2. Jesus says the disciples were "slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have spoken." What parts of Scripture do you find easiest to trust, and what parts do you find more difficult to receive?
 3. Jesus reads the Law, the Prophets, and the Writings as pointing toward his suffering and glory. How does this shape the way we understand the purpose of the *TaNaKh* (Torah: the Law, Nevi'im: the Prophets, & Ketuvim: the writings)?
 4. The disciples asked Jesus to remain with them before they fully understood who he was. What might it look like in your own life to draw near to God, even when you still have unanswered questions?
 5. The disciples recognized Jesus as he gave the bread. Where in your life might God be inviting you not just to think about him, but to encounter him?

Life Application:

- Spend some time reading the Old Testament this week. When reading, think about how this passage could point to Jesus? (*Ideas: a Psalm a day. Ruth. Jonah. Joseph—Genesis 37-50*)