

GROWTH GROUP DISCUSSION

CONNECT

Today's story begins with a long walk. What's the longest walk or hike you've ever taken? Or, if not the longest, what's your favorite?

LEARN & APPLY

Read Luke 24:13-35. Take turns reading section by section around the group.

- Close your Bibles and begin by retelling the story in your own words. What features of the story stand out to you most strongly?
- Notice what the story says about the disciples' hearts in verses 27 and 32? When have you ever felt "slow of heart" to believe or trust God? What makes your heart catch fire with faith?
- Similarly, notice what Jesus "opens" in verses 31-32. Has the Lord ever opened your eyes to something by opening the Scriptures first? Or, the other way around, has the Lord ever opened your eyes to start understanding the Bible in ways you never had before?
- Jesus taught these disciples how the whole Old Testament story leads up to him (verses 25-27). What is your experience or comfort level with the Old Testament? Our summer series is about the Old Testament prophets. What would you hope to learn from a series like that?
- The disciples finally recognized and understood Jesus when they sat down in community and broke bread together. Why might this be important?
- Do you sense that God is saying anything to you through this passage? How will you respond to that?

PRAY

The disciples in this passage felt hopeless at first. Are you discouraged about anything? Share your challenges and pray for one another.