



# Discover



## Cell guidelines: 1-7 May DISCOVERY

### ***FUN***

1. Either have a treasure hunt or play hide and seek and ask people to share their childhood experiences of this game.
2. What makes a good place to hide something? How can one make the discovery more exciting?
3. How do people feel once they have found / been found?
4. What are discovering afresh about who God is, at this stage in your life?
5. What issues in your life are you needing to discover God's truth about at the moment?

***SCRIPTURE*** (although this was not the scripture used in our service, it is a good one to explore the discipleship principle of discovery)

### **Luke 24: Jesus Walks to Emmaus**

13 Later that same day, two of Jesus' disciples were walking from Jerusalem to Emmaus, a journey of about seventeen miles. 14-15 They were in the midst of a discussion about all the events of the last few days when Jesus walked up and accompanied them in their journey. 16 They were unaware that it was actually Jesus walking alongside them, for God prevented them from recognizing him.

17-18 Jesus said to them, "You seem to be in a deep discussion about something. What are you talking about, so sad and gloomy?"

They stopped, and the one named Cleopas answered, "Haven't you heard? Are you the only one in Jerusalem unaware of the things that have happened over the last few days?"

19 Jesus asked, "What things?"

"The things about Jesus, the man from Nazareth," they replied. "He was a mighty prophet of God who performed miracles and wonders. His words were powerful and he had great favor with God and the people. 20-21 But three days ago the high priest and the rulers of the people sentenced him to death and had him crucified. We had all hoped that he was the one who would redeem and rescue Israel. 22 Early this morning, some of the women informed us of something amazing. 23 They said they went to the tomb and found it empty. They claimed two angels appeared and told them that Jesus is now alive. 24 Some of us went to see for ourselves and found the tomb exactly as the women had said. But no one has seen him."

25 Jesus said to them, "Why are you so thick-headed? Why do you find it so hard to believe every word the prophets have spoken? 26 Wasn't it necessary for the Messiah to experience all these sufferings and afterward to enter into his glory?"

27 And beginning with Moses and all the prophets he carefully unveiled to them the revelation of himself throughout the Scriptures.

28 As they approached the village, Jesus walked on ahead, telling them he was going on to a distant place. 29 They urged him to remain there with them and pleaded, "Stay with us. It will be dark soon." So Jesus went with them into the village.

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30Joining them at the table for supper, he took bread and blessed it and broke it, then gave it to them. 31All at once their eyes were opened and they realized he was Jesus! Then suddenly, in a flash, Jesus vanished from before their eyes!

32Stunned, they looked at each other and said, “Why didn’t we recognize him? Didn’t our hearts burn with the flames of holy passion while we walked beside him? He unveiled for us such profound revelation from the Scriptures!”

## **REFLECTION AND REVELATION**

*(here are some questions you could use to explore the scripture - let’s remind people to ‘cut’ any judgment, and enjoy each other’s discoveries)*

1. While reading this passage, which part is really being highlighted to you? Why?
2. How do you feel about Jesus’ harsh response to the disciples when they speak about the events of the week?
3. Comment on what is being explored in this passage concerning faith, hope, Biblical knowledge, gender, truth?
4. Why does Jesus hide his identity from his walking companions?
5. What truth about God, Jesus and the Holy Spirit is being highlighted in this story?
6. Which of these truths applies most specifically to your circumstances?
7. How are you going to live out this truth this week?
8. Who would you like to explore this story with?

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