



Right in Front of You | Week of April 17-24, 2022

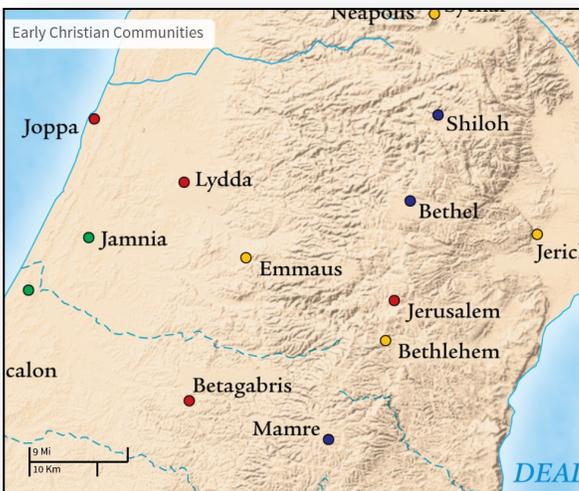
Welcome (5-10 minutes):

Take some time to get to know one another and hear how each other's week has been going.

Read This Week's Passage

Luke 24:13-32

Emmaus - A village in Judea, northwest of Jerusalem.



Opening Question:

Jesus encountered the two men as they were making their way to Emmaus. As the story reads, the men were prevented (v.16) from recognizing Jesus. Why do you think God didn't allow them to comprehend His real identity?

Please have someone from the group read aloud:

From Pastor Dan: There have been times in my life that I have been looking right at something, but still not able to find it. Sometimes this happens in our spiritual lives as well. God is doing His work right in front of us, but we can't see it.

Luke 24:17, 21a

In today's passage, we see that these two men were clearly disappointed and discouraged. Jesus' death and burial was not what they had expected from the Messiah.

Do we ever miss what God is doing around us because we're distracted by our disappointments? How can the "let-downs" of life work to take our eyes off of Jesus? What is the remedy?

Luke 24:21b-24

In these verses, we find that the men clearly knew all the details surrounding Jesus' resurrection, but they couldn't tell the "forest through the trees" so to speak. They were trying to figure out what happened.

How is this notion also true in our day and age? Many people know the details surrounding Jesus life, but they don't know Jesus. How, even today, can people learn more and more about Jesus, but still not be intimately connected with Him?

Luke 24:25

We see in verse 25 that Jesus rebuked the two men for how long it was taking for them to believe. Sometimes we are inhibited by our doubts concerning God.

How did Jesus help to put the men's doubts to rest (hint: v. 27)? Jesus could have revealed Himself right there but He chose not to. Why are there times that we want a lightening bolt experience with God, but He is wanting us to learn something for ourselves?

Luke 24:28-32

While Jesus didn't reveal His identity until the end, throughout the entire discourse Jesus was revealing His purpose to deliver. Isn't it fascinating that Jesus didn't reveal who He really was until after they invite Him in?

How is this true in our lives—that we'll never truly understand who Jesus is until we invite him in? Is it possible to know Christ as your Savior, but not recognize His work in your life? Do you feel like this situation may echo Revelation 3:20?

Right in Front of You | Additional Bible Verses

Revelation 3:20

See! I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears my voice and opens the door, I will come in to him and eat with him, and he with me.

