



Week 1: March 7-13

Welcome/ Introduce Guests/ Share Life (10 minutes)

Recall the Guidelines/ Open in Prayer

Pray for people who need to know Jesus or get connected to a church family (see the IMPACT Month Prayer Guide). (5-6 minutes)

Hook Question (5 minutes): When was a time your perception of someone was wrong?

Ask someone to read the background for the story (2 minutes):

The best way to grow in our faith daily is to read God's word. As we dig into God's word, we learn more about who God is. As we learn more about God our faith increases. Paul tells us that "faith comes from hearing and hearing from the word of Christ" (Romans 10:17). The words of God are what cause us to have faith from the beginning. They have the power to transform lives as people grow closer to Him.

In today's story, Jesus uses His word to draw two of His followers back to Himself. Before Jesus died, He told His disciples to meet Him in Galilee after His resurrection (Mark 14:28). After Jesus was resurrected Mary Magdalene and other women visited Jesus' tomb. It was empty! An angel appeared to tell them Jesus had risen. In their jubilation they went to tell the eleven disciples. However, their testimony "seemed to them an idle tale, and they did not believe them." (Luke 24:11)

That same day, two of the disciples decided to travel seven miles west to Emmaus. Remember, Jesus told them to meet them in Galilee which was north of Jerusalem. These two disciples had lost faith. Everything they thought they knew about Jesus died with Him on the cross. As they traveled, they were talking about all that had taken place. Then Jesus, whom they did not recognize, began to talk with them. This is where our story begins...

Tell the story from Luke 24:13-35 (12 Minutes for section): Change the storyteller often.

Rebuild the Story: Group members retell the story as well as possible.

Read the story from Luke 24:13-35: Ask the group to read these verses.

Discussion Questions: Learn to talk about God's word with others. **(Take as Much time as needed)**

- What sticks out to you from this story?
- What does this story teach you about yourself or people in general?
- What does this story teach you about God?
- How has God's word changed your life?
- How is the Holy Spirit challenging you through this story?

Ask for a volunteer storyteller for next week. Close in Prayer.