



Group Discussion Guide: With Jesus at the End | April 17, 2022

Start with an icebreaker (15 minutes).

Have each person share their high from the past week and their low from the past week.

Transition to Scripture + prayer (5 minutes).

As you transition from your icebreaker, read **Psalm 2** out loud for your group.

After you finish reading, pause for a few brief moments of silence. After a couple seconds of centering, pray to open your time together. Ask God for help guide your time together, for people to listen well, for people to speak honestly, and for the Holy Spirit to use this gathered time to shape you and mold you into Jesus' likeness.

Read Scripture, go over the sermon, and share your thoughts and insights (45 minutes).

- What from this message challenged you?
- **Read Luke 24:13-35 and answer the following text-based questions:**
 - How does Cleopas describe the events of the past few days to Jesus after Jesus drew near to him and his friend as they walked along the road to Emmaus?
 - How does Jesus respond after listening to Cleopas' retelling of recent events?
 - At one point Cleopas and his friend were blind to the presence of Jesus. What was it that you think blinded their eyes to Jesus? What event led to the opening of their eyes to see Jesus for who he really was?
 - **Read Luke 24:36-49.** What is the significance of Jesus inviting those around him to see his hands, to touch him, and to eat with him?
- In this sermon, Dan mentioned two ways Jesus wants to open our eyes today: (1) To see how deeply we need a Savior and (2) To see how perfectly He fulfilled God's promises.
 - Do you see yourself as someone in need of a Savior? How so and why? If not, explain what you mean.
 - What is one way that Jesus fulfilled God's promises that leaves you awestruck?
- Just as Jesus met with Cleopas and his friend on their journey, so too does Jesus want to meet us on our journey through life. How would you describe "where you're at" in your life journey? Where do you *feel* Jesus is at in relation to where you are – Behind? Too far out in front? Nowhere to be seen?
- Where is Jesus *in actuality* according to **Luke 24:13-35** on your journey?



- Have there been times in the past where your eyes were blinded from “recognizing Jesus?” In what ways do you feel blind to his work and presence in your life right now?
- In the past, what events or experiences in your life helped you to see him afresh?
- As you close, in your own words, describe what Jesus’ resurrection means to you and why you’re thankful for his sacrifice.

Split into gendered accountability groups for sharing and prayer (20 minutes).

As we’ve done throughout this series, we’re creating space each week to have accountability and prayer with one another.

- Are you experiencing any blinding to Jesus’ work because of sin in your life or because you’re not focusing on him? Explain.
- How has your time in prayer been this week?
- How has your time in Scripture been this week?
- Who are you sharing Jesus with?
- How can this group pray with and for you?

Finish by praying over and for one another.

Come back as a large group and finish with intercessory prayer (10 minutes).

Like each week, finish your group session with prayer. You might designate someone in your group to write down everyone’s prayer requests and then send them to the whole group for everyone to be praying about through the week.

- What is on your heart that you need prayer for?
- Who in your life needs prayer?

Have someone close in prayer.