



PRODIGAL GOD

Discussion Guide

14-WEEK STUDY

IN THE GOSPEL OF LUKE

WEEK 12

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Luke 24:13-35



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WEEKLY READING

Primary text from this week: Luke 24:13-35

GETTING STARTED

Goals this week: To see the value of spending time in community and sharing Jesus with others

Missed the sermon? Watch it at www.youtube.com/venturamissionary

Break the Ice: What was special for you about this Easter? Would you rather be on a long road trip with a “glass-half full” type person or “glass-half empty” type person and why?

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. Did you read **Luke 24:13-49** last week? What sticks out to you as unique or odd about the story, “On the Road to Emmaus?”
2. What was a phrase or point that stuck out to you from Pastor Brian's sermon?
3. Why do you think these two disciples felt free to leave Jerusalem at this time?
4. Talk about a season in your life that, given the benefit of lapsed time, you are now able to look back and see what God was doing in you and around you for good.
5. Brian mentioned that one of Luke's many goals with this story was to encourage the church to continue to break bread and interpret the Scriptures together. How have you benefited over the years by reading and interpreting Scripture with other people? (in community)
6. Brian mentioned that the story does not end in communion but mission. The last thing the two people in the story do is run and tell the others that Jesus has risen from the dead. What message do you think other disciples need to hear right now that would encourage them?
7. Brian says our mission to the church is to: encourage, challenge, and value. Which of these three do you identify with most or is easiest for you to do? And, which of these is the work you need to do this next week? Explain.

Prayer:

Free us, Oh Lord, from the expectation that life should always be better.

Free us, Oh Lord, from the everyday stressors—

the bills, the pressure, the dependents, the existential fears about the future and the worries of right now.

Oh God, today, give us enough to go on, give us hope to see a future,

Give us joy to see a present, lit by your love.

