

Sermon Discussion Questions

The Day After – Matt Slocum
Sermon Text: Luke 24:13-27
By Joy Jackson

AGENDA

- Allow people to arrive, talk, and snack – 15 min
- Thank everyone for coming. Open in prayer – 30 sec
- Worship – 5-10 min
- Icebreaker question – 10-20 min
- Discussion Questions – 35-45 min
- Prayer – 20-30 min

INTRODUCTION

What happened after Easter? How do we respond to the resurrection of Christ? Considering the events in the road to Emmaus help us understand The Day After.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS (35-45 min)

1. Last week, we asked God to defeat a pharaoh in our lives. What pharaoh was defeated in your life this week?
2. What was new or surprising to you from Matt's sermon?
3. Cleopas and the other disciple focused on who Jesus WAS, not that he IS. Matt asked us, why are you looking for a living God in a dead tomb? In a dead relationship? In a dead religion? What are some other "dead" places where people look for a living God?
4. Matt explained that the two disciples had handed over their hope. What have you handed over your hope on? What has been difficult to believe that Jesus will come through?

APPLICATION

Resurrection is IN the struggle, not at the end of the struggle. Where is a struggle that you can look for Jesus in this week?

PRAYER (20-30 min)

Ask for prayer requests. Pray that our struggles will be revealed to us as part of the journey to Christ.

COMING UP

To join a small group, sign up at vckceast.com or at one of the weekend services. Study materials are available to download on the church website (<https://vckceast.com>) or on the Facebook page.

Icebreakers

Pick one of the icebreaker questions below and go around in a circle (starting with the leader) and have everyone answer. (If you have new members or guests have each person introduce themselves.)

1. What's the last great TV show or movie you watched?
2. You have to sing karaoke, what song do you pick?
3. What was the worst job you ever had?

Men's Retreat – 28-30 April (<https://www.harvestvc.org/vineyard-mens-retreat>)

Women's Retreat – 6-7 May (<https://nwckc.com/women>)

Middle and High School Camp – 31 May-3 June

FINAL THOUGHT

Following Christ is about the journey, not the destination.