

## WEEKLY BIBLE STUDY: "The Journey to Emmaus" Luke 24

Scripture of Lesson: Luke's Gospel 24: 13-35

### 1. From disbelief and confusion to enlightenment

- a. Two believers [Cleopas and another unnamed person] were traveling to Emmaus, located about 8 miles from Jerusalem, on the day of the Lord's resurrection. Apparently, they were aware of the news of the resurrection. Yet, they were still in a state of confusion and disbelief. The resurrected Lord joined them in their conversation about Himself and taught them about His life, ministry, death and resurrection, without revealing His identity. During a meal at the end of the journey together, Lord opened their eyes to know Him, but He disappeared from them. These two returned immediately back to Jerusalem where the eleven disciples and other believers were staying and relayed the account to them.
- b. Why did the resurrected Lord appear to these two confused believers, but not to the eleven disciples first?
  - 1) They were removing themselves from the core group in Jerusalem in confusion and disbelief. They needed help to have their eyes opened to see the significance of the Lord's resurrection and to have their faith kindled brightly.
  - 2) Lord Jesus saw a potential in the lives of these two disciples as well as in the eleven and others. As a hen gathers her chicks, Lord Jesus was gathering the confused, terrified children together, to open their eyes, to motivate them as His disciples and to mold them with burning love of Christ so that they would go forth as the Lord's evangelists.

### 2. What does this story tell us about our journey with Christ?

- a. When we lose our focus, sense of mission, and stray away from the Christian profession we have held, Lord Jesus wants to walk with us and to bring us back.
- b. The time we spend with Jesus Christ can do wonders:
  - 1) It can bring correct understanding of the Scriptures.
  - 2) It can bring a fire to burn in our hearts for the Truth of God and for Christ.
  - 3) It can make us turn around and rejoin the Christian fellowship.
  - 4) It can make us evangelists for Christ.

### 3. Topics for discussion:

- a. Have you ever been discouraged, but a time spent alone with Christ brought you back to the Christian fellowship?
- b. What does this story tell us about the character of our Lord Jesus?
- c. What does this story tell us about the value of sharing our testimonies with other Christians?