

“Fresh Oil”

Start Talking: Share about your week with others. What’s going well? What’s something we can be praying together about?

Key Scripture: Read the following together. *That very day two of them were going to a village named Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, 14 and they were talking with each other about all these things that had happened. 15 While they were talking and discussing together, Jesus himself drew near and went with them. 16 But their eyes were kept from recognizing him. 17 And he said to them, “What is this conversation that you are holding with each other as you walk?” And they stood still, looking sad. 18 Then one of them, named Cleopas, answered him, “Are you the only visitor to Jerusalem who does not know the things that have happened there in these days?” 19 And he said to them, “What things?” And they said to him, “Concerning Jesus of Nazareth, a man who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, 20 and how our chief priests and rulers delivered him up to be condemned to death, and crucified him. 21 But we had hoped that he was the one to redeem Israel. Yes, and besides all this, it is now the third day since these things happened. 22 Moreover, some women of our company amazed us. They were at the tomb early in the morning, 23 and when they did not find his body, they came back saying that they had even seen a vision of angels, who said that he was alive. 24 Some of those who were with us went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said, but him they did not see.” 25 And he said to them, “O foolish ones, and slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have spoken! 26 Was it not necessary that the Christ should suffer these things and enter into his glory?” 27 And beginning with Moses and all the Prophets, he interpreted to them in all the Scriptures the things concerning himself. 28 So they drew near to the village to which they were going. He acted as if he were going farther, 29 but they urged him strongly, saying, “Stay with us, for it is toward evening and the day is now far spent.” So he went in to stay with them. 30 When he was at table with them, he took the bread and blessed and broke it and gave it to them. 31 And their eyes were opened, and they recognized him. And he vanished from their sight. 32 They said to each other, “Did not our hearts burn within us while he talked to us on the road, while he opened to us the Scriptures?” 33 And they rose that same hour and returned to Jerusalem. And they found the eleven and those who were with them gathered together, 34 saying, “The Lord has risen indeed, and has appeared to Simon!” Luke 24:13-34 (NKJV)*

1. What does this scripture tell me about me?
2. What does this scripture tell me about God?

Start Sharing: Choose a question (or several) to create openness and discussion.

- Discuss the concept of having "eyes to see" Jesus. What are some common distractions or challenges that can hinder our ability to see Him clearly?

- Share personal experiences or instances where you felt your vision of Jesus was restrained. How did it impact your faith and actions?
- Reflect on the rebuke Jesus gave to the disciples for their unbelief. How can we overcome moments of doubt and unbelief in our own lives?
- Examine the transformation in the disciples after they saw and believed in the resurrected Christ. How did their perspective change, and what actions did they take? How might this impact how you relate with others?

Start Praying: Pray together and for one another.

“Father, open our eyes to a new degree. We thank you that You want to show us more of You. Help us to see You, so we can believe and experience all that you have for us. In Jesus’ name, amen!”