

## Encountering Christ

### Wk 4

#### *The Resurrection*

**Purpose:** For students to put themselves in the shoes of those who encountered Christ and choose how they would respond.

**Passage (s):** Lk. 24:1-35, (concentrating on verses 13-35)

**Topic:** How do you respond after God shows up and you realize you've missed it.

*Ricks Devotional:* Many times we encounter Christ and miss it, but more times than we'd like to admit we encounter Christ/ or God @ work and we choose not to respond. As we finish up this series and hopefully we've come to realize that we've missed out before when we've chosen not to respond, the question we answer tonight is what happens when you realize it and want to make sure it doesn't happen again.

In this passage we see that Jesus shows up, and those He revealed himself to didn't recognize him. It wasn't because they did something wrong, but rather because God chose to hide it from them. Jesus knows this and goes back to the beginning of the scriptures and explains it all to them. Jesus does three things to get their attention. Even though they are blinded to what's going on, these things remain as pillars to remember and then believe what had been said and done.

1. Jesus explains, Jesus explains who he is and what he's about using the scriptures
2. Jesus illustrates, by breaking the bread he uses a familiar picture to remind them.
3. Jesus leaves a fires, their response after this is the recognition of the spirit burning in them. A burning desire to move fwd in their faith.

Even when we Encounter Christ and don't recognize Him, he leaves markers in the path of our spiritual journey. It is those markers that point us to the reality of who Christ is and what he is about, the next question for us is will we follow those markers or resist the Spirit's draw that caused those disciples to go and confirm their beliefs in what had been done.

*Small Group:*

Option A;

1. What are some ways in which Christ is explained through the scriptures? *Heb. 9-10, tells us that the sacrifices (Lev. 1) were pictures of what Christ would do, John 3:14-16 tells us that Moses lifting up the serpent in the wilderness (Num. 21:7-9) is a picture of what Christ would do on the cross*
2. What are some illustrations (pictures) that serve as a reminder of who He is and what he's done? (communion, baptism, holidays such as Christmas and Easter)
3. Could you or can you describe a time in your life where you "burned" for God?

Option B:

Review the different responses we can make when we Encounter Christ,

- Ignore, pretend he doesn't exist
- Rebel, hate, accuse, fight against
- Accept and believe