



## Conversation - 5th February 2023

### Main Passage:

- Luke 24:13-35 - The Road to Emmaus
  - One of the best loved resurrection narratives - perhaps because He appears to these humble, relatively unknown followers (contrast them with John's own account of himself as 'the disciple Jesus loved')

### Questions for Discussion:

- Why do you think they were kept from recognising Jesus initially?
  - Note: this seems to be a post-resurrection theme (see John 20:14-15, John 21:4)
- Just like Jacob as referenced last week (Genesis 28:16-17) the followers seem oblivious to the fact that Jesus is with them until He reveals Himself. Can you think of any times that's been true of you? Can you share it?

Verse 27 says that "beginning with Moses and all the Prophets" he explained what had been spoken about Him throughout the Scriptures. The whole of the Old Testament points to Jesus - not just the explicit prophecies about the Messiah, but also the historical patterns of God's activity. The culmination of this is outlined in Ephesians 1:3-14.

*"We cannot see Jesus who is walking with us unless He chooses to disclose Himself" - Anon*

*"God is like a person who clears his throat while hiding and so gives himself away." - Eckhart Tolle*

## **Listening & Double Listening**

In order for us to have a meaningful conversation with someone, it's important that we don't just speak but also listen. Remember that during those conversations Jesus is present with us by His Spirit.

We need to practise the art of listening to the person we're talking with, but more so we need to practise the skill of double-listening - listening also to what the Spirit of God is saying to us as they speak. But it takes practice and focus.

- If we don't usually hear the audible voice of God, how can we 'hear' the Spirit speak to us?

In verse 32 we see the followers reflecting on their conversation with Jesus and realising that there had been a physiological response which they'd missed at the time.

### **Questions for Discussion:**

- Have you ever had a similar experience whilst talking to someone?
  - How did you respond at the time?
- What kind of physiological responses do you think the Holy Spirit might engage to communicate with you?