

Thornbury Baptist Church
Easter Teaching Series

Small Group Discussion Questions

Talk Date: April 27th 2025

Talk title: 'The King still has one more move!'

Passage: The road to Emmaus Luke 24:13-35.

Speaker: Jason Clark

Discussion Questions.

Theme 1: Disappointment and Unbelief on the Road This theme explored the disciples' reaction to Jesus' crucifixion and the initial reports of the empty tomb. Their hope was dashed, leaving them disappointed and struggling to believe the prophets' words regarding the Messiah's suffering.

- **Question 1:** The disciples on the road were "downcast" and felt "Gutted" because things hadn't happened as they hoped. How can we relate to feeling disappointed or that things aren't working out as we expected, even in our faith journeys?
- **Question 2:** Jesus called the disciples "foolish" and "slow to believe all the prophets". What does this imply about their perspective, and how might we also struggle with truly believing God's plan when current circumstances look different than we anticipated?

Theme 2: The King Still Has One More Move - The Power of Resurrection This theme highlights the central message that Jesus' crucifixion was not the defeat it appeared to be. Like the king in the chess analogy, Jesus had "one more move" - the resurrection.

- **Question 1:** The concept that "the king still has one more move" was presented as the key thing the disciples missed. How does understanding Jesus' resurrection as "not the end" change how we view difficult or seemingly impossible situations in our own lives?
- **Question 2:** The speaker challenges us to ask, "What is Jesus doing?" now. How does shifting our focus from only what Jesus *did* or *would* do to what he *is currently doing* affect our faith, hope, and daily perspective?

Theme 3: Living with a Resurrected Mind and Overflowing Joy This theme focused on the transformation that occurs when we recognise the risen Christ and how that should impact our daily lives, particularly our mindset and emotional state, leading to joy that "bubbles over".

- **Question 1:** We are called to have "**resurrected minds**" and be "**transformed by the renewing of your mind**". What do you think it means to have a mind that "**thinks and feels like Jesus**", and how can we practically pursue this renewal amidst the pressures and patterns of the world?
- **Question 2:** Jason highlighted that "**God's joy is a gift**" and should "**bubble over,**" but also warned that the enemy seeks to steal this joy. How important is experiencing God's joy in our daily lives and community, and what steps can we take to guard against things that rob that joy?

Takeaway

What is the main thing each person is taking away from this discussion?

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