

Truth or Dare, part 1

Luke 24:13-35

1. In the box below list some things which help people achieve their goals and some things that hinder people in achieving goals.

Goal helpers	Goal hindrances
e.g. Focus	e.g. Distractions

2. Share with the group any words that ring true for you personally.
3. Read Luke 24:13-35
4. The two men in the story have been followers of Jesus, what do you think their plans are at the beginning of this story? What do you think their state of mind might be at the beginning of the story? What do you think their state of mind might be at the end of the story?
5. Were there any other occasions when Jesus hid his identity from followers? (John 20:15). Why do you think Jesus hid his identity from his own followers? (see bottom of page for Steve’s guess *)
6. What is the first thing that Jesus gets the two men to do? (Verse 17, 19). Why is Jesus getting them to do that? What is the benefit for the two men? What does this tell us about Jesus? What are some similar ways in which we try to help people in our church life?
7. Do you think Jesus is being fair or unfair in his comments in verses 25, 26? The following passages might explain Jesus attitude – Mark 8:31, 9:31-32, Matthew 16:21, 17:22-23, 20-17-19.
8. What would it have been like to be a part of the Bible study in verse 27, 32?
9. Verse 30, 31 might be the first description of something good happening in church – what has happened and why is it good?
10. This story is about discipling because *in order to effectively make disciples we ourselves need to be effectively disciplined*. How does Jesus continue to disciple us?

(*Bible doesn’t exactly say, but it is clear that Jesus wanted to minister to the two disciples and the huge shock of meeting their dead master would probably have made that impossible – so he hid his identity and only revealed it at the end when he had had achieved what he had set out to do.)