

# Road to Emmaus – Initial Discussion Guide

The Road to Emmaus movie follows the story of Luke 24:13-49 and imagines what the conversation between Jesus and the two disciples might have been. It builds the story from the actual stories and passages of the Bible (the writings of Moses and the Prophets as well as the further explanations in the New Testament).

*Discuss in small grouping:*

1. Describe the impact the movie had on you.
2. Events in our lives may leave us trying to answer the question “Why?” Pretend that you were one of the two disciples talking over troubling events or dashed hopes in your life. What would you be talking about today that has thrown you into confusion?
3. What did you understand better about Jesus after watching the movie?

*Return to larger group discussion (ask for any feedback from small group discussions, if time).*

4. If you were asking people today what they would be looking for in a Messiah, what might you hear?
5. Jesus brought the conversation back to the writings of Moses and the Prophets to help unfold the mystery of his death. Determine what that reveals about the Bible.
6. As you watched the movie what did you learn about...
  - The evil in the world
  - Your heart
  - How God views sinners
  - The key to our relationship to God
7. Choose the person or event mentioned in the movie that you most relate to and explain why.
8. After seeing the movie, how would you explain to someone why Jesus had to suffer and die?
9. If you were one of the disciples on the road talking with Jesus right now, what would you still want to ask him?
10. What does the conversation on the Road to Emmaus teach you about God and his involvement in your daily life? How does it help you view your life in the future?

From the Road to Emmaus script: **“Isaiah saw the whole story as if it had happened already. He wrote: “a child is born for us who will be called the mighty God, the Prince of Peace”.... and later, He was: “pierced for our transgressions, he was crushed for our iniquities; the punishment that brought us peace was upon him, and by his wounds we are healed... The LORD laid on him the wickedness of us all.” (Isaiah 53)**