

Lectionary Bible Study

For Sunday, April 19, 2026 (Easter 3)

Acts 2:14a, 36-41

Discussion Starters

1. From Peter's message to the multitudes, how would you explain to someone what it means to become a Christian?
2. What does the phrase "they were cut to the heart" mean (v. 37)?
3. What does the word "repent" mean? How is it different from "confess?" How do you know if genuine repentance occurs?
4. Why did the New Testament Church experience such rapid growth? Why are modern day churches not experiencing the same phenomenon?

1 Peter 1:17-23

Discussion Starters

1. What does it mean to "live our lives as strangers here" (v. 17)?
2. What things should be apparent in a changed life, according to this text?
3. What is Peter trying to teach in his "perishable vs. imperishable" contrast?

Luke 24:13-35

Discussion Starters

1. What are the two disciples talking about as they walk? What do you think their tone of voice might have been?
2. From your knowledge of Old Testament prophecy, what passages might "the stranger" have discussed with them when he joined them?
3. Why did Jesus keep His identity hidden from them as He walked? What is significant about the moment when He chose to reveal Himself?
4. Describe a time when you knew Jesus was walking with you.
5. Our discipleship ministry uses the phrase "alongsider" to describe the role of the facilitator. What did Jesus do in this passage that would be a good model for one of our alongsiders?

WRAP UP

What key insight did you gain from this Bible study? How might it make a difference in how you live today?