



## *Pointing to Jesus by reading the Bible together*

### *Goal*

Reading the Bible can help a person understand more fully what it means to follow Jesus, bringing them closer to making a choice

### *Introduction*

Deciding to follow Jesus is a big decision. Reading the Bible with someone may help them come to a greater appreciation and understanding of what it means to believe in and follow Jesus Christ. Hebrews 4:12 tells us, “For the word of God is alive and active. Sharper than any double-edged sword, it penetrates even to dividing soul and spirit, joints and marrow; it judges the thoughts and attitudes of the heart” (NIV). Share a story of how you have seen the power of God’s Word in either your life or a friend’s life.

### *Bible Passage & Questions*

#### **Luke 24:13-32**

Retell the story in your own words.

- What does this passage say about Jesus?
- What caused these two disciples to recognize Jesus?
- How does this passage demonstrate the value of being so familiar with the Bible that we are able to bring it up in our everyday conversations?

### *Consider & Discuss*

Choose one of the three activities below that you feel you are weak in and practice that step.

1. Practice using the PODS with a small group until the passages and discussion questions become familiar.
2. Choose a few of Jesus’ most famous stories, like the prodigal son or the good Samaritan. Practice telling it in your own words, as to a 5-year-old child.
3. Use stories from your life to help illustrate the gospel theme (love, substitution, and trust) in

the passage you are discussing. Practice telling these stories with a partner.

### *Next Steps (Individually & Collectively)*

Look at the PODS & DBS. Notice the topics and read through the discussion questions on the back.

- What topics do you think would interest a non-believer?
- Do you prefer to choose the topics for them or to allow them to choose the topics which most interest them? Name the advantages and disadvantages of each method.

Discuss your questions and observations with a friend, teammate, or ministry coach.

### *Additional Resources*

Storyrunners.org

[PODS](#) (Profile of a Discipled Student) and [DBS](#) (Discovery Bible Study)

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