Surprise

Describe a time you didn't at first recognize a person you actually knew.

Read Luke 24:13-34.

- 1. What might the two have talked about before Jesus joined them?
 - A. How was it possible that Jesus died?
 - B. Whether or not Jesus really was the Messiah.
 - C. Trusting the women's report that Jesus had been resurrected.
 - D. What will happen next since Jesus died?
 - E. Will Christ's disciples get crucified next?
 - F. Where should we stop for lunch?
 - G. Let's move out of this area.
 - H. Jesus did prophesy earlier about His death and resurrection.
 - I. Other.
- 2. Why did God keep these two from recognizing Jesus?
 - A. They would have freaked out.
 - B. A leisurely walk helped Jesus stretch His legs after His resurrection.
 - C. Jesus wanted to help them see Him in the Old Testament.
 - D. From this point forward, Jesus would frequently show up incognito.
 - E. Christ's death devastated these two, so Jesus had to do this slowly.
 - F. Jesus loved to give Bible studies.
 - G. Jesus just wanted a quiet way to escape from Jerusalem.
 - H. Jesus desired to reveal Himself to the remaining 11 disciples first.
 - I. Other.
- 3. Right now it seems Jesus doesn't know what's happening with:
 - A. The state of our world (or nation).
 - B. My personal situation.
 - C. My friend(s)—or lack of friends.
 - D. My family.
 - E. My church.
 - F. The pandemic.
 - G. Climate change.
 - H. The Second Coming.
 - I. Other.

- 4. What reports about Jesus make you wonder if they are true?
 - A. Jesus loves me.
 - B. Christ's promise to return.
 - C. Jesus has a specific plan for my life.
 - D. Was Jesus really resurrected from the dead?
 - E. My church is the Body of Christ, and Jesus is the head.
 - F. Christ coming is "soon."
 - G. Jesus is inside me in the form of the Holy Spirit.
 - H. Other.
- 5. What part of the Bible would you like Jesus to explain to you?
 - A. The whole thing.
 - B. A lot from the Old Testament.
 - C. Genesis—the creation story.
 - D. Revelation—how and when it ends.
 - E. The times God killed people, or had His people kill others.
 - F. Why did Jesus have to die?
 - G. I'd prefer that Jesus explain some things that aren't in the Bible.
 - H. Other.
- 6. What do you like BEST about this story?
 - A. The two on the road to Emmaus didn't recognize Jesus for so long.
 - B. The two saw Jesus at the end when God "opened their eyes."
 - C. Jesus invested time with otherwise unknown people His first day of resurrection.
 - D. Jesus unpacked the Bible to His listeners.
 - E. Their hospitality resulted in discovering their guest was Jesus.
 - F. The experience of having "our hearts burn within us."
 - G. The way Jesus appears and then disappears.
 - H. Other.
- 7. When might you have interacted with Jesus and you didn't recognize Him at that time?
- 8. When has your heart "burned within you" because you felt so close to God?