

FLASH FORWARD

1. Foreshadows

Start off with feedback from Sunday's message. What did those that were there - or those that have caught up online - take away from it? What encouraged them, what informed them and what challenged them?

Read Luke 24.13.35

³¹ Then their eyes were opened and they recognised him, and he disappeared from their sight. ³² They asked each other, 'Were not our hearts burning within us while he talked with us on the road and opened the Scriptures to us?'

- From limitless vengeance to reciprocal vengeance, then from substitutionary sacrifice to ultimate sacrifice and limitless forgiveness. Did Rob's explanation make sense to you? Have you thought about it like that before? How does this help you view the Old Testament?
- Do you think God's strategy of revealing His nature and grace to humanity gradually was the right one? (In Rob's words: giving us the two times table before teaching us algebra?)
- Luke 24. Jesus opened the Scriptures. Do you regularly 'open the Scriptures'? How easy or hard do you find it to regularly engage with the Bible?
- Jesus opened their eyes and they recognised him. How easy or hard do you find it to recognise Jesus in the whole of Scripture – the Old Testament as well as the New Testament?
- Jesus opened their minds. How easy or hard do you find it to understand and make sense of the Bible? Have you had experiences that felt like a revelation, when reading Scripture?
- Who are you planning to invite to Metro Carols? What scares you about this? What excites you about this?

Pray together in 2s and 3s. Pray that you have a greater ability to see Jesus in Scripture and to receive revelation as you read the Bible. Pray for a renewed desire to engage with Scripture and for it to be an exciting encounter.

Pray for the friends that you plan to invite to Metro Carols. Pray for the right opportunities to invite them and for an openness on their part to accept the invitation. Pray for all those involved in shaping the evening and making it happen. Pray that it is an amazing event that touches many, many lives.