



## Hearing 6

**Purpose of the Elders Discipleship Group:** To Train and Equip Discipleship Group leaders to lead more effectively.

**Key Theme:** Hearing.

**Key Truth:** Hearing the Word produces a burning of heart.

**Read:** *Luke 24:32 They said to one another, "Were not our hearts burning within us while He was speaking to us on the road, while He was explaining the Scriptures to us?"*

Jesus was sharing the Word of God about Himself from the Law of Moses, the Prophets and the Psalms, and although these men didn't recognise who it was who was speaking with them, their hearts were ablaze. Their hearts were burning because understanding starts in the heart of man.

We are to hear the Word of God and experience the impact of His Word in our spirit (Heart), because the Word is Spirit, and we have been born again of His Spirit.

We are to take what we have heard and received in our spirits and ask the Holy Spirit to renew our minds to this Word we have heard. The Holy Spirit can also do this work of revelation in one amazing swoop.

*Ephesians 4:23-24 and that you be renewed in the spirit of your mind, and put on the new self, which in the likeness of God has been created in righteousness and holiness of the truth.*

*Luke 24:45 Then He opened their minds to understand the Scriptures.*

This brings understanding and sight, producing fruit that we now can live our lives from.

*Matthew 13:23 And the one on whom seed was sown on the good soil, this is the man who hears the word and understands it; who indeed bears fruit and brings forth, some a hundredfold, some sixty, and some thirty."*

We don't try to change ourselves, the Word of God which we hear and understand does this work of transformation. The power to change us is contained in God's Word. This change within us then enables us to live out what God's Truth calls us to - i.e. Love one's neighbour as Jesus loves. We have heard the Word of God and are fully capable of obeying this Word through this new power that resides within us.

### Questions:

1. The men on the road to Emmaus said their hearts burned when they heard the Word. How does the hearing of the Word impact you?
2. Why is hearing the Word not enough to produce fruit?
3. How has the renewing of your mind via the Spirit changed your life and how you live?

**Action point:** What is one thing you may need to put in place from going through this resource?