

## **Discussion Questions for Video 4: The Eucharist in the New Testament & The Church Fathers**

1. Have you ever seen a connection between the Eucharist and the Story of the Disciples on the Road to Emmaus? How have you interpreted that passage before, and what new insights about it do you think are valid after watching this video?
2. (If not discussed in #1 above) Why do you think the Disciples did not recognize Jesus on the road? Did you ever wonder why Jesus just disappeared at the breaking of the bread to the disciples on the Road to Emmaus? What do you think is the significance of this?
3. Did you ever wonder where the Mass came from? Did you think it was something that the Church invented over the years? After watching the video, how would you explain the origins of the Mass and how it has been practiced and understood over the years from Christ to today?
4. Were you aware of the writings and teachings of the Church Fathers? Why do you think they speak so strongly about the true presence in the Eucharist?
5. Paul claimed in 1 Corinthians that the Tradition of the Eucharist was passed onto him by Christ, yet Paul never met Jesus before his death. What do you think Paul means by this statement?
6. The early church was accused of cannibalism. What can we learn from this accusation? Do you hear this still today? How should we respond to such an accusation? What are other accusations/doubts we hear about the Eucharist today and how can we respond to them?