



Your group matters.

## DISCUSSION GUIDE

- Icebreaker -

*If the President gave you the task of establishing a new national holiday, what would it be and when & how would it be celebrated?*

1. Read **Luke 24:17b-21a**. After as many as three years of following Jesus, these disciples' hopes (and faith?) have been dashed by the cross. What have dashed hopes done to your faith when you've experienced them?
2. Pastor Nate said that big disappointments in our lives can launch us in wrong directions. What well-worn negative paths are you tempted to traverse in the face of dashed hopes?
3. Read **Isaiah 43:2** and **Hebrews 13:5b**. Tell of a time when you have clung to this promise of God; how did He meet you, walk with you, and help you?
4. Pastor Nate encouraged us to look for Jesus in the ordinary. In this story, Jesus revealed Himself in the most ordinary of ways; walking, talking, and eating. In what ordinary ways has Jesus revealed His presence with you this past week, and how did it invigorate your hope/faith?
5. The first thing the Emmaus disciples did when Jesus entered their "space in between" was to walk the miles back to Jerusalem to tell others about it. What keeps you from sharing how Jesus has entered your "in between" places and how will you commit to sharing your Jesus story with others?

## PERSONAL GUIDE

*Day One:* Luke 1; Psalm 134

*Day Two:* Numbers 17; Proverbs 10

*Day Three:* Ephesians 5; 2 Kings 8

*Day Four:* 1 Thessalonians 4; Ezekiel 11

*Day Five:* Job 10; Acts 22

*This Personal Guide has been adapted from Professor Grant Horner's Bible Reading System.*



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Message Notes



**The Space in Between**  
**"BETWEEN NOW AND NOT YET"**  
 Pastor Nate Sickler | Aug 10, 2025

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- These moments can feel confusing, frustrating, and discouraging... or can become wonder-filled.
- What can we do with the waiting, the uncertainty, the tension? And where's God in all of it?

In this life we will inevitably encounter times when our current \_\_\_\_\_ doesn't match our hopes, dreams, and expectations.

How do we \_\_\_\_\_ God in these times?

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**2. Jesus Shows Up...and Does \_\_\_\_\_ Fix It Immediately (Luke 24:15-17a)**

- Notice that Jesus doesn't explain, justify, or ease tension. Instead, He asks them a personal question.
- Often Jesus is working on something more significant than our circumstances. (Isaiah 43:2)
- Jesus is walking with you even when you don't recognize Him. (Hebrews 13:5b)

**3. Jesus Gives Us More than What We Want, He Gives Us What We Need (Luke 24:30-31)**

**4. \_\_\_\_\_ World, \_\_\_\_\_ People (Luke 24:33-35)**

- With Jesus, our hope and perspective can be \_\_\_\_\_ than our circumstances. (Psalm 73:26; Romans 8:24-25)

**Even when we can't see clearly, Jesus walks with us in the space between now and not yet.**

- It's not only something to believe; it is also something to experience.

**WHAT CAN I DO IN THE SPACE IN BETWEEN?:**

- Keep \_\_\_\_\_.
- \_\_\_\_\_ to Jesus, even when He feels distant.
- \_\_\_\_\_ for Jesus in the ordinary.
- \_\_\_\_\_ what you've seen.

Where are you on the road today?

What if Jesus has \_\_\_\_\_ been walking with you? What if the silence isn't absence - it's presence you \_\_\_\_\_ yet?

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