

THE EMPTY TOMB

EASTER

Everyone Needs a Road to Emmaus

As unique as our lives are from each other so also is our spiritual journey. In fact, one of the most incredible things about Jesus is that he reveals himself to each of us uniquely. In the way and at the time each of us need. But at that moment we each have a choice! Do we follow him back from the road to Emmaus?

- Read Luke 24:13-24
 - What do you think it was about the death of Jesus that was so disappointing to these two men?
 - In Luke 11:9-10 Jesus taught his disciples that to find truth one must seek truth... With that thought in mind, why would Jesus then conceal his identity at the beginning of their walk? What do you think is his purpose in that?
 - In v. 21 the men say "... we had hoped..." describe the state they are in when they say that. Have you ever felt like you were in a place of disappointment after having so much hope? What is that like?
 - On this side of history we celebrate the empty tomb, but in this story these two on the road lament about it. Why do you think they are saddened even more about the empty tomb?
- Read Luke 24:25-32
 - They still don't recognize Jesus with their eyes while Jesus recounts for them all of the scriptures concerning himself. What does this teach us about how Jesus desires us to interact with the Word in terms of our level of faith in Him?
 - What do you think it was that caused the two men's eyes to opened?
 - After the two had their "eye opening" experience they ran the 7 miles back to Jerusalem to proclaim their experience to the rest of the disciples. What do you think was their motivation for doing this?
- Pastor Dave taught us that in the same way we need a "road to Emmaus" we need a "road back from Emmaus."
 - Have you ever had a moment like that? In a time of despair your eyes became opened to the hope of Christ? What was your response? How did it change how you live?
- You don't have to share out loud but you can if you want... Where are you in this journey?
 - Are you at the beginning? Starting to explore the possibility of Jesus being the Messiah? What's your next step?
 - Are you in despair? Walking towards Emmaus ruminating on hopelessness? Where might you be blinded to the presence of Christ in your life?
 - Are you running from Emmaus towards the hope of Christ in your life? Who are you telling?