

Devotions: April 20th - April 24

This five-day devotional invites you to walk with God through the kind of “night journeys” described in Luke, moments when faith feels risky, unclear, or costly. As you reflect each day, ask the Lord to meet you in the darkness with His presence, His Word, and His courage. By the end of the week, be equipped to seek Jesus more honestly and to make Him known more boldly.



Monday, April 20th

Luke 2:10-11

God’s announcement of Jesus’ birth came in the night to the shepherds who were simply doing their ordinary work. The timing matters: God often speaks into places that feel uncertain, shadowed, or vulnerable, reminding us that His good news is not reserved for safe, controlled moments. The shepherds were not invited to a comfortable religious experience; they were summoned into a deeper reality: “Go and see,” even when the path is dim.

Pastor Chris shared that this journey teaches that seeking Jesus sometimes requires movement before everything feels clear. The shepherds did not wait for daylight or demand a guarantee of ease; they responded to God’s Word with obedience. If your faith feels like a search right now, with curiosity, uncertainty, and pressure from other voices, this is hope: the darkness does not

cancel God's invitation, nor does it prevent you from finding Christ.

Have a great week!

Tuesday, April 21st

Luke 2:15-16

The shepherds did more than feel inspired; they acted. They went "with haste," not because they had every detail, but because God's message was worth responding to. Seeking Jesus is not passive curiosity; it is a decision to pursue Him, even when the journey feels risky or inconvenient.

Many people today are like those shepherds: intrigued by Jesus, drawn by a sense that He matters, but surrounded by obstacles. Cultural dismissal, family opposition, or fear of appearing naïve can make spiritual pursuit feel like walking through the woods without a flashlight. Yet this passage quietly insists that urgency in the soul is not something to ignore; it can be God's mercy calling you forward.

Wednesday, April 22nd

Luke 24:31-33

The Emmaus disciples moved from confusion to clarity when Jesus opened the Scriptures and made Himself known. Their eyes were opened, and the moment of recognition changed everything: they could not keep the news to themselves. What they had discovered was not merely an idea but a living Person, crucified and risen, worthy of immediate witness.

Then comes the striking detail: "they rose that same hour" and returned, even though it was night. Pastor Chris's point becomes

personal here: knowing Christ does not remove darkness from the road, but it creates courage within the traveler. When Jesus becomes real to you, not just doctrinally correct, but personally known, hesitation begins to lose its grip, and love compels movement.

Thursday, April 23rd

2 Timothy 1:7-8

The night journey of proclamation is not only about external danger; it is also about internal resistance. Paul names what often hides beneath our silence: fear. God does not shame us for that fear; He gives something stronger: power, love, and self-control. Witness is not a personality trait reserved for the bold; it is a Spirit-shaped courage that grows as we trust God with outcomes we cannot control.

To “not be ashamed” does not mean being loud or combative; it means being faithful when culture pressures you to keep Jesus private. Pastor Chris talked about real concerns such as mockery, dismissal, limited time, and limited energy. Scripture meets those concerns with a steady call: share in suffering for the gospel by God’s power. You are not asked to manufacture bravery; you are invited to receive it.

Friday, April 17th

John 1:5

Both the shepherds and the Emmaus disciples teach a unified hope: darkness does not stop God's mission. John summarizes it in a single sentence: light shines, and darkness cannot overcome it. That means your seeking is not wasted, and your witness is not futile. The risen Christ is not fragile; He is the Light who persists,

even when culture shifts, faith is marginalized, or your own heart feels weary.

This final day is an invitation to live with durable hope. Your role is not to defeat every argument or fix every person; your role is to walk faithfully, seeking Christ, then making Him known, because the Light is already at work. The gospel travels through night roads, not because night is safe, but because Jesus is Lord of the night as surely as He is Lord of the day.

Sunday's Coming!