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disciple:

// someone who follows Jesus and leads others to do the same.

Studying God's Word is one of the best ways to grow your relationship with God, be tuned to the Holy Spirit, and get to know Jesus intimately. John 1 tells us that the Word is God, the writer of Psalms tells us it will light our path, and Jesus tells us in John 8 if we abide in His Word, we are truly His disciples.

This tool is just one of the many ways to study the Bible and dive deeper into the passages we will be studying each weekend together. Our hope is that you begin to deeply understand the scripture we will be unpacking and allow God to speak to your heart before you even walk through the doors on Sunday.

This tool is designed to help guide you as you seek to understand the context of each verse, what it meant to its original audience, and what it means to us today.

There are a few ways you can utilize this PDF.

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Print the PDF.

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02

Download the PDF, open in a notes app (GoodNotes, Notability, etc), fill it out digitally.

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Use the PDF to transcribe into a notebook or journal.

5 Marks of a Disciple

- Know Jesus Intimately
- Follow the Holy Spirit Relentlessly
- Obey God's Word Completely
- Love His Church Wholeheartedly
- Seek the Lost Intentionally



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Week of November 13th // Conversation November 19th


On the Road to Emmaus

We are continuing our series, “His Name Is Jesus.” In this final chapter of the Gospel of Luke, there appears a beautiful story about two men, distraught over the death of Jesus just three days ago, who find themselves in deep conversation with the Teacher Himself – only they don’t realize it is Him. It’s a powerful story, one filled with lessons about discernment, hope, and the truth of the Old Testament prophecies. Here, we explore what is the significance of the road to Emmaus, and how this understanding can help us in our faith journey today.

pray.

Before you begin to study this week’s devotions, ask God to speak to you from His Word. There are times when Jesus can be in our midst through the Holy Spirit, and we don’t realize His presence until later. Ask Him to meet you where you are in your walk with Him. Ask Him for an open heart and mind and the ability to see Him.

observe.

01 Mark any reference to Jesus with a . Don’t forget His other names like Teacher and Prophet.

02 Mark any reference to the Messiah with a  crown.

03 Underline the six questions Jesus asked any of the disciples.

Luke 24:13-53 (NLT)

¹³ That same day two of Jesus' followers were walking to the village of Emmaus, seven miles[a] from Jerusalem. ¹⁴ As they walked along, they were talking about everything that had happened. ¹⁵ As they talked and discussed these things, Jesus himself suddenly came and began walking with them. ¹⁶ But God kept them from recognizing him.

¹⁷ He asked them, "What are you discussing so intently as you walk along?" They stopped short, sadness written across their faces. ¹⁸ Then one of them, Cleopas, replied, "You must be the only person in Jerusalem who hasn't heard about all the things that have happened there the last few days."

¹⁹ "What things?" Jesus asked.

"The things that happened to Jesus, the man from Nazareth," they said. "He was a prophet who did powerful miracles, and he was a mighty teacher in the eyes of God and all the people. ²⁰ But our leading priests and other religious leaders handed him over to be condemned to death, and they crucified him.

²¹ We had hoped he was the Messiah who had come to rescue Israel. This all happened three days ago.

²² “Then some women from our group of his followers were at his tomb early this morning, and they came back with an amazing report. ²³ They said his body was missing, and they had seen angels who told them Jesus is alive! ²⁴ Some of our men ran out to see, and sure enough, his body was gone, just as the women had said.”

²⁵ Then Jesus said to them, “You foolish people! You find it so hard to believe all that the prophets wrote in the Scriptures. ²⁶ Wasn’t it clearly predicted that the Messiah would have to suffer all these things before entering his glory?” ²⁷ Then Jesus took them through the writings of Moses and all the prophets, explaining from all the Scriptures the things concerning himself.

²⁸ By this time they were nearing Emmaus and the end of their journey. Jesus acted as if he were going on, ²⁹ but they begged him, “Stay the night with us, since it is getting late.” So, he went home with them. ³⁰ As they sat down to eat, he took the bread and blessed it. Then he broke it and gave it to them.

³¹ Suddenly, their eyes were opened, and they recognized him. And at that moment he disappeared!

³² They said to each other, “Didn’t our hearts burn within us as he talked with us on the road and explained the Scriptures to us?” ³³ And within the hour they were on their way back to Jerusalem. There they found the eleven disciples and

the others who had gathered with them,³⁴ who said, “The Lord has really risen! He appeared to Peter.”

³⁵ Then the two from Emmaus told their story of how Jesus had appeared to them as they were walking along the road, and how they had recognized him as he was breaking the bread.³⁶ And just as they were telling about it, Jesus himself was suddenly standing there among them. “Peace be with you,” he said.³⁷ But the whole group was startled and frightened, thinking they were seeing a ghost!

³⁸ “Why are you frightened?” he asked. “Why are your hearts filled with doubt?³⁹ Look at my hands. Look at my feet. You can see that it’s really me. Touch me and make sure that I am not a ghost, because ghosts don’t have bodies, as you see that I do.”⁴⁰ As he spoke, he showed them his hands and his feet.

⁴¹ Still they stood there in disbelief, filled with joy and wonder. Then he asked them, “Do you have anything here to eat?”⁴² They gave him a piece of broiled fish,⁴³ and he ate it as they watched.

⁴⁴ Then he said, “When I was with you before, I told you that everything written about me in the law of Moses and the prophets and in the Psalms must be fulfilled.”⁴⁵ Then he opened their minds to understand the Scriptures.⁴⁶ And

he said, “Yes, it was written long ago that the Messiah would suffer and die and rise from the dead on the third day. ⁴⁷ It was also written that this message would be proclaimed in the authority of his name to all the nations,[d] beginning in Jerusalem: ‘There is forgiveness of sins for all who repent.’ ⁴⁸ You are witnesses of all these things.

⁴⁹ “And now I will send the Holy Spirit, just as my Father promised. But stay here in the city until the Holy Spirit comes and fills you with power from heaven.”

⁵⁰ Then Jesus led them to Bethany, and lifting his hands to heaven, he blessed them. ⁵¹ While he was blessing them, he left them and was taken up to heaven.

⁵² So they worshiped him and then returned to Jerusalem filled with great joy. ⁵³ And they spent all of their time in the Temple, praising God.

Luke 16:31 (NLT)

“But Abraham said, ‘If they won’t listen to Moses and the prophets, they won’t be persuaded even if someone rises from the dead.’”

John 1:45 (NLT)

Philip went to look for Nathanael and told him, “We have found the very person Moses and the prophets wrote about? His name is Jesus, the son of Joseph from Nazareth.”

John 5:46 (NLT)

“If you really believed Moses, you would believe me, because he wrote about me.”



interpret.

01 Why do you think God kept the two disciples from recognizing Jesus?

02 What action did Jesus do that made the two disciples recognize Him?

interpret.

- 03** Why do you think Jesus disappeared the moment the two disciples recognized Him?
- 04** Who promised that Jesus would send the Holy Spirit?
- 05** Where were the apostles supposed to stay until they received the Holy Spirit?

apply.

01

In verse 27, Jesus references the prophecies of Moses and the prophets. Take some time to look up and read one or more of the prophecies and review how they all fully and completely point to the Christ.

Genesis 49:10

Isaiah 7:14

Micah 5:2

Psalms 78:1-2

Isaiah 11:10

Isaiah 35:5-6

Zechariah 9:9

apply.

02 The two disciples raced back to Jerusalem to share their excitement about seeing the Risen Lord. Think back on a time where you felt just like those disciples, jumping with enthusiasm at sharing the Good News about Jesus.

03 Was there ever a time that Jesus answered your prayer, but you didn't realize it until much later?

bring it together.

Jesus wants them to know that although things look hopeless, and they might have doubts, they must look no further than Scripture to understand what happened and what will happen: First Christ must suffer, and then He is glorified.

It is all part of God's plan.

Jesus does not reveal Himself to the men while they are on the road. Instead, He waits until they have arrived at their destination and are relaxed, preparing to enjoy a meal, before He allows the men's eyes to be opened.

Sometimes, when we cannot understand something, we gather information. Then it must settle within our hearts. Only when we have fully "digested" what we've learned, and allowed it to sink in, does the truth come out.

It took a little time for their hearts and their heads to catch up with each other, but they finally did, and they knew the truth completely.

The experience of the two men and their encounter with Jesus on the road to Emmaus is powerful. Not only does it serve as one of many post-resurrection appearances of Jesus, but it shows us how we can look to Scripture - particularly Old Testament prophecies - to see how God's plan has unfolded.

It also serves as a model for us in our own discipleship: Jesus opened the eyes of these men in both stories, steered them to the full truth that is contained in God's Holy Word, the Bible, and ultimately revealed Himself to them as the resurrected savior.

That is exactly what we are to do in our own faith journey.

connect.

We are available to answer any questions you might have.



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