

More Than Meets the Eye - Part 9

The Walk to Emmaus

April 26, 2020

CrossRoads Community Church Sermon Summary Sheet, Week of April 26, 2020 More Than Meets the Eye Part 9: "The Walk to Emmaus" Luke 24: 13-27

As we've been considering the weeks leading up to Resurrection Sunday, we have been focusing on the journey of obedience that Jesus took on His way to the cross. Now we look at His steps (and appearances) after His resurrection that show His love for His followers, and His desire for them to know Him and follow Him more fully.

TODAY'S TRUTH Jesus' appearance to the couple headed to Emmaus show us how we should allow Jesus into our conversations to discern how He is working and leading in our lives.

1. ESCAPE TO REASON AND CONNECT Luke 24: 15 "And they talked together of all these things which happened. So it was, while they conversed and reasoned,..."
 - Sharing Commentary- John 10: 27-28
 - Seeking Clarity - Isaiah 1:18, John 16:13
2. ENCOUNTER THE RISEN CHRIST Luke 24: 15b-16 "...Jesus Himself drew near and went with them. But their eyes were restrained, so that they did not know Him."
 - Scriptural Promises- Matt.18: 19-20, Jeremiah 33:3
 - Spiritual Purpose- Ephesians 1:7-9 Steps to "Experiencing God," by Henry Blackaby
1. God is always at work around you.
2. God pursues a love relationship with you.
3. God invites you to become involved in His work.
4. God speaks by the Holy Spirit through: the Bible, prayer, circumstances, and the church to reveal this.
5. God's invitation always involves a crisis of faith for you.

6. You must make major adjustments to your life to join God's work.
7. You come to know God by your experience as you obey and God works through you.
8. EXPECT TO RECEIVE COUNSEL Luke 24: 27 "And beginning at Moses and all the Prophets, He expounded to them in all the Scripture the things concerning Himself."
 - INSTRUCTION- Isaiah 55:11, Hebrews 4:12
 - INSPIRATION- 2 Timothy 3:16

CONCLUSION The resurrected Jesus came alongside the couple walking to Emmaus who had been reasoning and conversing together. By ENTERING THE CONVERSATION, He gave them a new perspective of Himself, until finally they understood more completely and rejoiced exceedingly. Are we allowing Jesus to enter our conversations during this critical time in our lives?

QUESTIONS FOR DISCUSSION:

INTRO: How effective are you at "experiencing God" in your daily life? Do you feel you let Him enter your conversations?

1. How do you react to the statement that the two disciples headed to Emmaus after the resurrection were husband and wife?
2. Why do you think they were going to Emmaus?
3. Why didn't they recognize Jesus when He joined them? (Luke 24:16)
4. How good of a job are you doing "reasoning and conversing" about spiritual things (if married, with your spouse)? How does God work to bring you to a point of listening and obeying Him?
5. Review Henry Blackaby's steps to Experiencing God. Does any particular step stand out to you?
6. Explain a time when you had a spiritual crisis in your life. How did you respond?
7. What has helped you recognize Jesus walking alongside you? Do you expect to receive His counsel when you ask?
8. Have you invited others to be a part of what God is doing at CrossRoads?