

Scripture Reading: Luke 24:13-35

Sermon Title: Encounters: Did not our hearts burn

Being with Jesus is *spending time with Jesus* alone & with others, from a heart of devotion & towards deeper dedication.

- **Take inventory of our *hearts & time*.**
- **Spend time in *prayer*.**
- **Spend time through *scripture reading*.**

Be with Jesus by *being in The Story (the scriptures)*.

A *conversational relationship* with Jesus.

That very day two of them were going to a village named Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, ¹⁴ and they were talking with each other about all these things that had happened. ¹⁵ While they were talking and discussing together, Jesus himself drew near and went with them. ¹⁶ But their eyes were kept from recognizing him. ¹⁷ And he said to them, “What is this conversation that you are holding with each other as you walk?” And they stood still, looking sad. ¹⁸ Then one of them, named Cleopas, answered him, “Are you the only visitor to Jerusalem who does not know the things that have happened there in these days?” ¹⁹ And he said to them, “What things?” And they said to him, “Concerning Jesus of Nazareth, a man who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, ²⁰ and how our chief priests and rulers delivered him up to be condemned to death, and crucified him. ²¹ But we had hoped that he was the one to redeem Israel. Yes, and besides all this, it is now the third day since these things happened. ²² Moreover, some women of our company amazed us. They were at the tomb early in the morning, ²³ and when they did not find his body, they came back saying that they had even seen a vision of angels, who said that he was alive. ²⁴ Some of those who were with us went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said, but him they did not see.” ²⁵ And he said to them, “O foolish ones, and slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have spoken! ²⁶ Was it not necessary that the Christ should suffer these things and enter into his glory?” ²⁷ And beginning with Moses and all the Prophets, he interpreted to them in all the Scriptures the things concerning himself.

²⁸ So they drew near to the village to which they were going. He acted as if he were going farther, ²⁹ but they urged him strongly, saying, “Stay with us, for it is toward evening and the day is now far spent.” So he went in to stay with them. ³⁰ When he was at table with them, he took the bread and blessed and broke it and gave it to them. ³¹ And their eyes were opened, and they recognized him. And he vanished from their sight. ³² They said to each other, “Did not our hearts burn within us while he talked to us on the road, while he opened to us the Scriptures?” ³³ And they rose that same hour and returned to Jerusalem. And they found the eleven and those who were with them gathered together, ³⁴ saying, “The Lord has risen indeed, and has appeared to Simon!” ³⁵ Then they told what had happened on the road, and how he was known to them in the breaking of the bread.

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**A conversational relationship is listening & speaking with waiting in between.
-God speaking to us, us listening, us speaking to God, & God listening**

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A simple bible study method:

Observation. (*what do I see*)

Interpretation. (*what does it mean*)

Application. (*what must be done*)

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Jesus reframes the way we see, understand, & experience life itself.

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that they should seek God, and perhaps **feel their way** toward him and find him. Yet **he is actually not far** from each one of us

Acts 17:27

They show that the work of the law is written on their hearts, while **their conscience** also bears witness
Romans 2:15

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Jesus is drawing near & revealing Himself to His disciples through material reality.

And he took bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to them, saying, **“This is my body, which is given for you.** Do this in remembrance of me.” ²⁰ And likewise the cup after they had eaten, saying, “This cup that is poured out for you is the new covenant in my blood.
Luke 22:19-20

Be in The Story (the scriptures).

365 Group: Read through the bible in a year.

Old & New Group: Read one book in the Old Testament for 6 months & then one book in the New Testament for 6 months.

Poetry & Wisdom Group: Read through the books of Psalms & Proverbs, slowly & prayerfully.

Consideration 1:

Lectio Divina

“P.R.A.Y.”

-Pete Grieg

Pause, (*quietly prepare your heart*)

Read & Reflect (*lectio+ meditatio*), (*slowly read, rejoice, reflect, & repeat*)

Ask (*oratio*), (*turn your reflections into prayer*)

Yield (*contemplatio*) (*enjoy the presence of God*)

Consideration 2:

The Examen

“4 R’s”

-Pete Grieg

Reflect (reflect on the details of the day taking note of strong emotions or unexpected behaviors)

Rejoice (rejoice in the evidence of God’s presence, obvious blessings & subtler signs of kindness)

Repent (repent of ways you’ve sinned in thought, word, & deed)

Rest & Reset (Rest in the goodness of the gospel & receive a fresh start)