

ROAD TO EMMAUS: LUKE 24:13-35

THE JESUS-MODEL FOR HELPING PEOPLE

1) Jesus walks with them, asks questions, and listens...but they don't recognize Him.

"...Jesus Himself came up and walked along with them; but they were kept from recognizing Him." Luke 24:15-16 (NIV)

Lesson 1:

God is with us...even when we don't recognize Him.
How to help others? WALK with them, TALK with them, and LISTEN to them

2) Jesus helps them understand God's plan.

"Then Jesus took them through the writings of Moses and all the prophets, explaining from all the Scriptures the things concerning Himself." Luke 24:27 (NLT)

Lesson 2:

God's plan involves EVERY PERSON on the planet; and it's NOT COMPLICATED.

God's Plan

This world has been broken by sin. That brokenness separated us from God. But God sent Jesus, as a **sacrifice**, so we can be **forgiven** and **adopted** into His family through a **relationship with Him**. One day God will set everything right. Until then, He'll never leave us and has given us His mission on earth: to help everyone know that God **loves** them and wants to **adopt** them too.

3) Jesus didn't just tell them what they *wanted* to hear, He told them what they *needed* to hear.

"He said to them, 'How foolish you are, and how slow to believe all that the prophets have spoken!'" Luke 24:25 (NIV)

Lesson 3:

Practice being DIRECT, HONEST, and KIND.

4) Jesus didn't force Himself on them. He waited for an invitation.

"As they approached the village to which they were going, Jesus continued on as if He were going farther. But they urged Him strongly, 'Stay with us, for it is nearly evening; the day is almost over.' So He went in to stay with them." Luke 24:28-29 (NIV)

"Look! I stand at the door and knock. If you hear My voice and open the door, I will come in, and we will share a meal together as friends." Revelation 3:20 (NLT)

Lesson 4:

We need to INVITE Jesus into every situation.

5) Jesus shared a meal with them.

"As they sat down to eat, He took the bread and blessed it. Then He broke it and gave it to them. Suddenly, their eyes were opened, and they recognized Him. And at that moment He disappeared!" Luke 24:30-31 (NLT)

Lesson 5:

There's something special about EATING together.

6) When they recognized Jesus, they went to tell others their "Jesus story".

"They got up and returned at once to Jerusalem.... Then the two told what had happened on the way, and how Jesus was recognized by them when He broke the bread." Luke 24:33 &35 (NIV)

Lesson 6:

After we meet Jesus, God wants us to tell others our "JESUS STORY".