

experience when we fail to accomplish our dreams. By spending more time reading the Bible, we can see that Jesus is always with us, working at work around and through us to bring us hope in the midst of our emptiness.

**Core Idea:** Jesus is always with us. Therefore we always have hope.

**Intro:** Pete Briscoe “I Am Second” video

A. Emptiness

1. Emptiness is the quality of lacking meaning.

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2. Materialism draws and drives us to focus on things that will, in the end, leave us

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3. Emptiness happens when we strive for what we think will make us \_\_\_\_\_

- a. And we get there, but it doesn't
- b. Or we never get there

B. Meaninglessness – the writer of Ecclesiastes pursued

1. Wisdom, pleasure, work, climbing the ladder of success, riches, and satisfying appetites

A. These 2 were followers of Jesus

1. They had been with Jesus

2. They believed that he was the Messiah

B. Now all their hopes & \_\_\_\_\_ for the future were crushed

1. They had seen \_\_\_\_\_ crucified

2. They knew that he was dead & \_\_\_\_\_

3. They were \_\_\_\_\_ by reports that his tomb was empty

C. Emptiness and hope

1. Our emptiness

2. Because of Easter there is always \_\_\_\_\_

## II. The Bible is the key to seeing God at work

A. Jesus appears – he is always \_\_\_\_\_ us

B. He chides the travelers (vv. 25-26)

1. To \_\_\_\_\_ them into being open to hearing him

2. Because God's love is always at work

emptiness

2. What Jesus' help, to \_\_\_\_\_

## III. The Jesus Shift

A. Jesus' words help lift the travelers' \_\_\_\_\_ from themselves to their fellow sojourner

B. When the 2 travelers are able to be considerate of someone else, they are able to see \_\_\_\_\_

C. Spending time in the Bible helps us to

1. be \_\_\_\_\_ of others

2. \_\_\_\_\_ Jesus at work around us through us

## Conclusion: We are all on the Road to Emmaus

A. Our life will have a beginning & an \_\_\_\_\_

B. There will be times of \_\_\_\_\_ & sorrow on the way

C. Jesus is also walking on that road with \_\_\_\_\_.