

God's StoryTM Our Story



Emmaus Road

April 23, 2017

Devotion: Use this resource at home to guide your household's daily devotions. You can do this alone or with others; in the morning, during the day, or at night. Find a routine that works best for you.

Pray: Light a candle and open your devotion time with a prayer.

Mysterious One,

In all our grief and confusion, you walk alongside us, O Lord. Reveal yourself to us as the comforter of our souls and the savior of our lives, in whose name we pray, Amen.

Reflect: Reflect on the key verses from Sunday's reading.

When he was at the table with them, he took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them. Then their eyes were opened, and they recognized him; and he vanished from their sight. They said to each other, "Were not our hearts burning within us while he was talking to us on the road, while he was opening the scriptures to us?" Luke 24:30-32

Study: Study the reading and consider the background.

Two disciples walked on a long road with plenty of time to ponder the incredible events of their week. But, who on earth is this stranger who seems not to have heard what everyone else is talking about? The stage is set for one more surprise.

Consider: Consider this theme for the week's text.

Even before Jesus revealed himself to the disciples, they revealed Jesus within them to him.

Read: Read the following daily readings to deepen your understanding of Sunday's text. After the reading, ask the follow-up questions.

Sunday: *Emmaus Road*, Luke 24:13-35

Monday: *Peter and John before the Council*, Acts 4:1-22

Tuesday: *Believers Pray*, Acts 4:23-31

Wednesday: *Believers Share*, Acts 4:32-37

Thursday: *Ananias and Sapphira*, Acts 5:1-11

Friday: *The Apostles Heal*, Acts 5:12-16

Saturday: *The Apostles Are Persecuted*, Acts 5:17-42

How does Jesus reveal himself to people?

Connect: Connect in conversation with others in your household. Discuss the following questions, or simply check in with "Highs" and "Lows."

What was a high point of your day? What was a low point?

Who in your community is hungry? How might feed them?

What things are your eyes closed to, that you could be looking at in your own life? How might you face some of those things this week?

Who can help you see and work through the difficult issues you face?

Do: By acting on what we learn we make God's word come alive. Do the following activity this week.

Invite to dinner someone you don't know well – a coworker, your kids' friends' parents, someone homebound from your congregation, a lonely neighbor. Notice how Christ shows up simply by sharing a meal.

Bless: Close your devotion with a blessing.

Eat, share, and let Jesus be revealed to you. Amen.