

Sermon Guide – April 23, 2023

Read the Walk to Emmaus story from Luke 24:13-35.

This account takes place on Easter evening. Two disciples are making the 7 mile journey from Jerusalem to Emmaus. Scripture says they are consumed with grief and sadness at what has happened to Jesus.

Think about how you would feel had you been with them on the journey.

Cleopas and the other disciple... Have you ever wondered why the other is not named? Who do you suppose he or she was? Some scholars suggest the other was Cleopas' wife who had been in Jerusalem with him for Passover. Others suggest the other was left unnamed so that we readers might substitute our own name – making the account VERY personal. What do you think about those suggestions?

Why do you think God kept the two travelers from recognizing Jesus?

Why do you think the two travelers encouraged Jesus to spend the night with them?

Why was it significant for them to recognize Jesus at the table when he broke the bread?

What is your experience of grace when you receive Communion?