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# Face To Face

WEEK 2 - April 19-25: The Road to Emmaus

## A Disciple Recognizes

*In Week Two of this series, we see Jesus' compassion and encouragement on the road to Emmaus. He enters into the confusion and disappointment of the disciples after His resurrection, explaining the Scriptures to them and opening their hearts to understand God's plan. Jesus walks with them patiently, turning their sadness into hope and revealing Himself fully in the breaking of the bread.*

### OPENING PRAYER

Risen Lord Jesus, Just as You joined the disciples on the road to Emmaus, walk with us now. Open our eyes to see Your presence in our lives and help our hearts burn with faith as we reflect on Scripture and break bread together. Speak to us today through Your Word, through one another, and through Your Spirit. Give us courage to bring our doubts and struggles honestly before You. Amen.

## CLICK HERE TO READ THIS WEEKEND'S READINGS

First Reading: [Acts 2:14, 22-33](#)

Responsorial: [Psalms 16:1-2, 5, 7-8, 9-10, 11](#)

Second Reading: [1 Peter 1:17-21](#)

Gospel Reading: [Luke 24:13-35](#)

### INSIGHTS FROM WEEKEND'S READINGS

In this passage, we see Jesus' compassion and encouragement on the road to Emmaus. He enters into the confusion and disappointment of the disciples after His resurrection, explaining the Scriptures to them and opening their hearts to understand God's plan. Jesus walks with them patiently, turning their sadness into hope and revealing Himself fully in the breaking of the bread. This story reminds us that Jesus is alive and present today, ready to meet us in our struggles and guide us toward renewed faith.

### ADDITIONAL SCRIPTURE PASSAGES

"Even though I walk through the darkest valley, I will fear no evil, for You are with me." **Psalm 23:4**

"Were not our hearts burning within us while He talked with us on the road and opened the Scriptures to us?" **Luke 24:32**

## QUESTIONS FOR REFLECTION AND DIALOGUE

Take some time to reflect on this week's message and discuss with your group:

1. The disciples were walking with heavy hearts on the road to Emmaus. Can you relate to times when your hope felt lost or your heart was heavy?
2. Jesus explained the Scriptures to them, showing how everything pointed to Him. How does reflecting on Scripture help you see God's work in your life? Is reading Scripture a regular habit for you or an area you'd like to grow in?
3. The disciples recognized Jesus in the breaking of the bread. What are ways you personally experience Christ's presence today? In whom, do you encounter Christ in our world today?
4. How does it encourage you to know that Jesus walks with us through confusion, disappointment, and doubt?
5. What is one practical step you can take this week to encounter Jesus more fully – through prayer, Scripture, or the Eucharist?

### PRAY

- **Pray for Awareness of His Presence** - Ask Jesus to reveal Himself in your everyday moments, conversations, and Scripture reading.
- **Pray Honestly About Struggles** - Bring your confusion, doubts, or sadness to Him, knowing He walks with you patiently.
- **Pray for a Heart That Burns** - Pray that your heart may be ignited with faith and joy as the disciples' hearts burned when they recognized Him.
- **Pray for our teens and adults who receive the Sacrament of Confirmation on 4/19**

### ACT

- **Walk With Someone** - Take time to walk with a friend or family member, listening and encouraging, just as Jesus walked with the disciples.
- **Engage Scripture Daily** - Read a Gospel passage each day, pausing to reflect on how Jesus is speaking to your life.
- **Participate Fully in the Eucharist** - Approach Mass with intention, opening your heart to encounter Christ in the breaking of the bread.

### INSPIRE

- **Share Your Story** - Tell someone how Jesus has walked with you in a difficult time.
- **Share a scripture verse** with someone who could use some Hope this week.
- **Model Hope in Daily Life** - Let others see your trust in Christ during struggles – your confidence in His presence can inspire faith in them. Share hope with someone this week.

## INTERCESSIONS FOR THE GROUP

Take some time to pray together for the persons or people on the Hearts of your small group members.

### CLOSING PRAYER

Lord Jesus, Thank You for walking with us today and revealing Yourself in our conversation and reflection. Help us to recognize You in Scripture, in the Eucharist, and in the people around us. May our hearts be set on fire with faith and hope, and may we share Your love with others this week. Continue to guide us, encourage us, and walk with us every step of our journey. Amen.