

An Encounter of the Heart

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Scripture:

¹³ That very day two of them were going to a village named Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, ¹⁴ and they were talking with each other about all these things that had happened. ¹⁵ While they were talking and discussing together, Jesus himself drew near and went with them. ¹⁶ But their eyes were kept from recognizing him. ¹⁷ And he said to them, "What is this conversation that you are holding with each other as you walk?" And they stood still, looking sad. ¹⁸ Then one of them, named Cleopas, answered him, "Are you the only visitor to Jerusalem who does not know the things that have happened there in these days?" ¹⁹ And he said to them, "What things?" And they said to him, "Concerning Jesus of Nazareth, a man who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, ²⁰ and how our chief priests and rulers delivered him up to be condemned to death, and crucified him. ²¹ But we had hoped that he was the one to redeem Israel. Yes, and besides all this, it is now the third day since these things happened. ²² Moreover, some women of our company amazed us. They were at the tomb early in the morning, ²³ and when they did not find his body, they came back saying that they had even seen a vision of angels, who said that he was alive. ²⁴ Some of those who were with us went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said, but him they did not see." ²⁵ And he said to them, "O foolish ones, and slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have spoken! ²⁶ Was it not necessary that the Christ should suffer these things and enter into his glory?" ²⁷ And beginning with Moses and all the Prophets, he interpreted to them in all the Scriptures the things concerning himself. ²⁸ So they drew near to the village to which they were going. He acted as if he were going farther, ²⁹ but they urged him strongly, saying, "Stay with us, for it is toward evening and the day is now far spent." So he went in to stay with them. ³⁰ When he was at

table with them, he took the bread and blessed and broke it and gave it to them. ³¹ And their eyes were opened, and they recognized him. And he vanished from their sight. ³² They said to each other, "Did not our hearts burn within us while he talked to us on the road, while he opened to us the Scriptures?"

From the Introduction:

On the journey the road to Emmaus they find themselves lost in hopelessness. Their Savior has died and the grave is empty; what will become of them? Notice, however, that it is Jesus who takes the initiative and joins them on the road.

Outline:

- I. Our heart yearns for the _____.
 - a. Jesus _____ the Scriptures.
 - b. We must hunger for the _____ of God.
- II. Our heart yearns for _____.
 - a. Jesus _____ at their invitation.
 - b. We must hunger for the _____ of God.
- III. Our heart aches for _____.
 - a. Jesus _____ their expectation.
 - b. We must hunger in _____ of God.

Remember:

“Whoever believes in me, as the Scripture has said, ‘Out of his heart will flow rivers of living water.’” (Jn 7:38)

Reflect:

“In prayer it is better to have a heart without words than words without a heart” – Gandhi

Seek:

Who among us does not have a favorite scripture verse that speaks to our hearts? As we close out our series on encountering Christ, take a moment to examine God’s word, and reference the passage that speaks to your heart. Why does this passage speak to you?

Share:

Let's back on the "Seek" section. Share with the group how God has spoken to your heart over this ten-week encounter. Reconsider all the encounters and share which one spoke to you most, and why that it was so.

Serve:

In your personal Christ encounters, what takeaways have you been shown by the Lord? How can you incorporate the truths Jesus has shown you in relating God's truth to others (revisit some of the events and ask the Holy Spirit to show you what encounters you might be able to use in relating the story of Jesus to someone)?

Pray:

As we close our series, take time during your prayers this week to ask God how the Jesus encounters of scripture and your personal encounters with Christ can be used to reach the lost.