



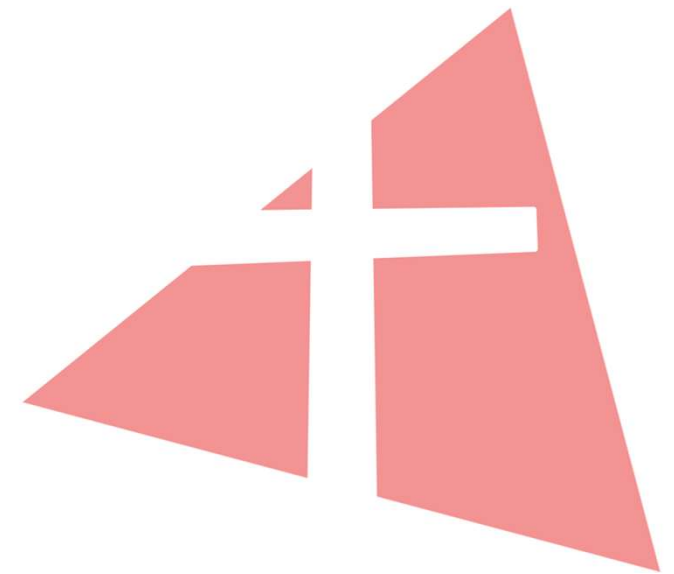
The Power of Encountering Jesus

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Our Series: Prayer

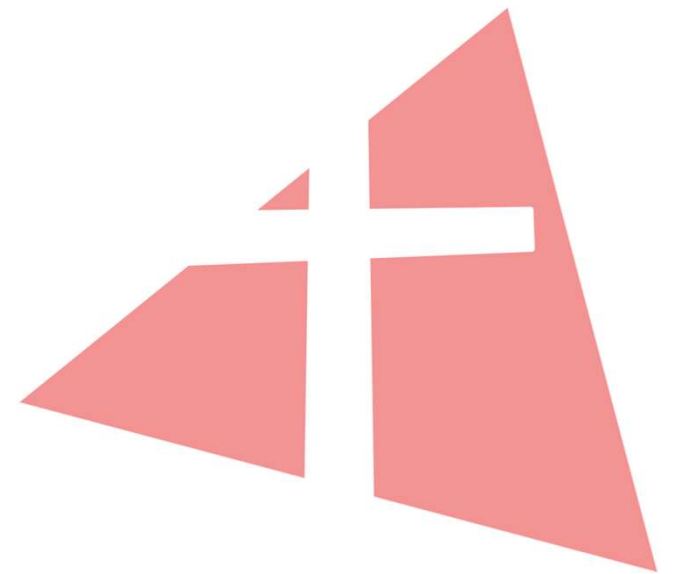
- **Prayer is for God's Glory**
- **Biblical Prayer is about “praying God's Will”**

Prayer is telling God what He tells us to tell Him



Today's Focus

- **The Power of Encountering Jesus**



On the Road to Emmaus

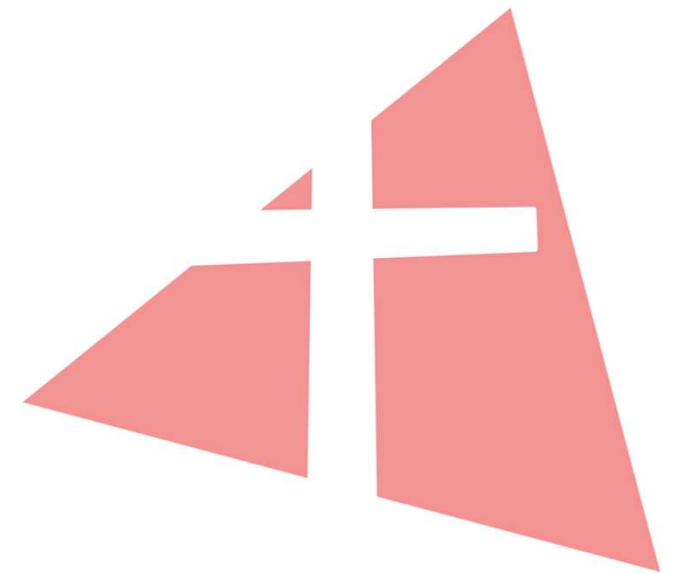
Luke 24:13-35 And, behold, two of them went that same day to a village called Emmaus, which was from Jerusalem about threescore furlongs. And they talked together of all these things which had happened. And it came to pass, that, while they discussed together and reasoned, Jesus himself drew near, and went with them. But their eyes were held that they should not know him. And he said unto them, What manner of words are these that you have one to another, as you walk, and are sad? And the one of them, whose name was Cleopas, answering said unto him, Are you a stranger in Jerusalem, and have not known the things which have come to pass there in these days? And he said unto them, What things? And they said unto him, Concerning Jesus of Nazareth, who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people: And how the chief priests and our rulers delivered him to be condemned to death, and have crucified him. But we hoped that it was he who should have redeemed Israel: and besides all this, today is the third day since these things were done. Yea, and certain women also of our company made us astonished, who were early at the sepulcher;

On the Road to Emmaus

And when they found not his body, they came, saying, that they had also seen a vision of angels, who said that he was alive. And certain of them who were with us went to the sepulcher, and found it even so as the women had said: but him they saw not. Then he said unto them, O foolish ones, and slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have spoken: Ought not Christ to have suffered these things, and to enter into his glory? And beginning at Moses and all the prophets, he expounded unto them in all the scriptures the things concerning himself. And they drew near unto the village, where they were going: and he made as though he would have gone further. But they constrained him, saying, Abide with us: for it is toward evening, and the day is far spent. And he went in to tarry with them. And it came to pass, as he sat to eat with them, he took bread, and blessed it, and broke it, and gave to them. And their eyes were opened, and they knew him; and he vanished out of their sight. And they said one to another, Did not our hearts burn within us, while he talked with us by the way, and while he opened to us the scriptures? And they rose up the same hour, and returned to Jerusalem, and found the eleven gathered together, and them that were with them, Saying, The Lord is risen indeed, and has appeared to Simon. And they told what things were done in the way, and how he was known to them in the breaking of bread.

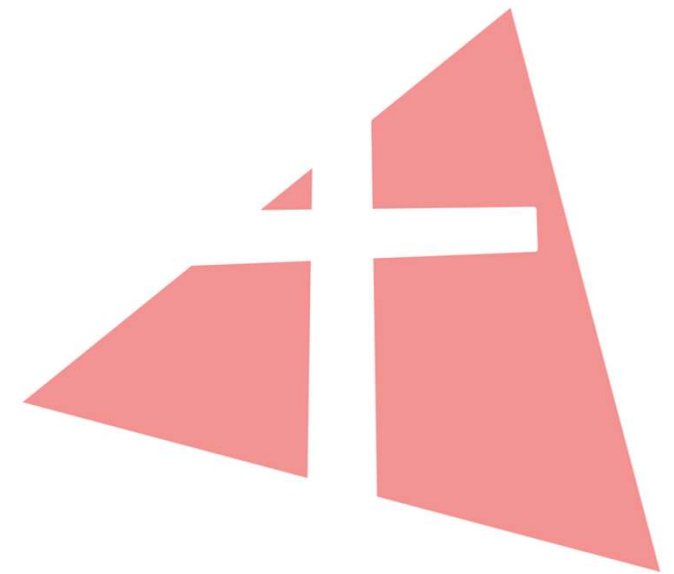
Before

- The disciples were with Jesus, but lived a life as if Jesus was dead
- The Disciples were
 - Blinded
 - Defeated
 - Purposeless
 - Hopeless
 - ...



Before

- Somehow, they didn't recognize Jesus
- But somehow, they were also drawn to Jesus



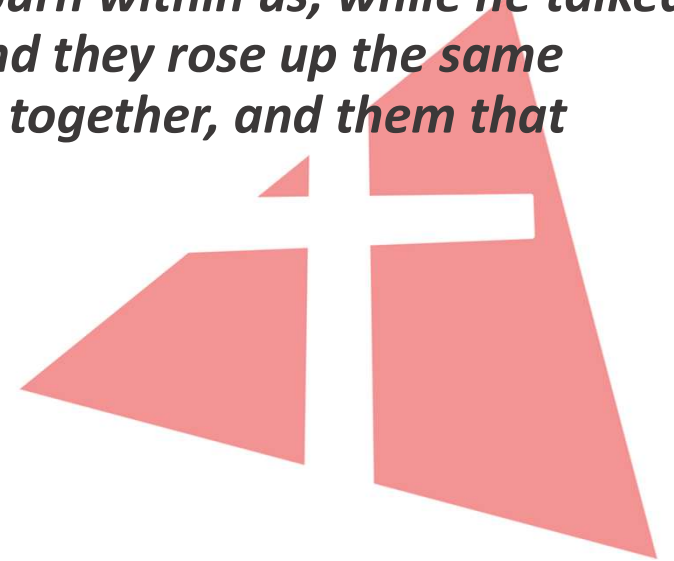
The Encounter

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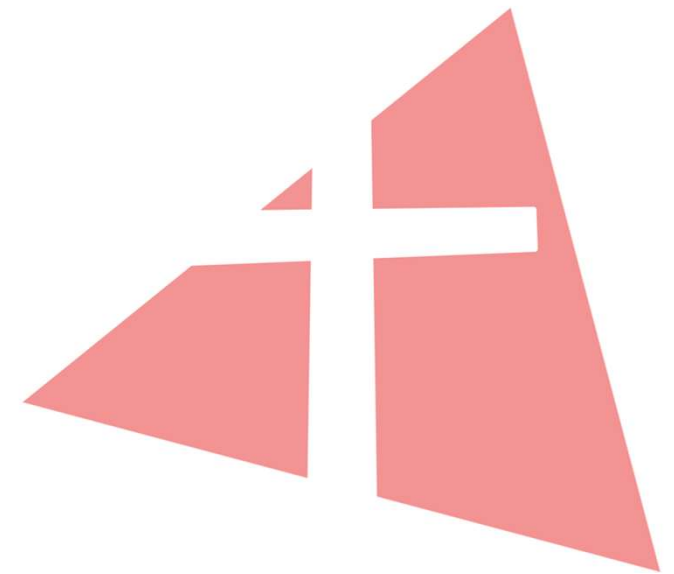
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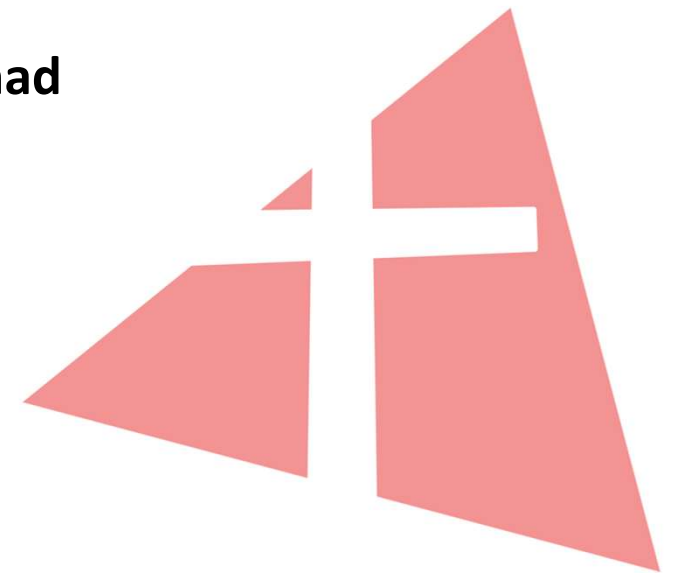
A Complete Transformation

- From “it’s late, let’s rest” to “having to walk back to Jerusalem”
- The Difference
 - A revelation of the resurrected Jesus
 - A transformation by Jesus
 - A personal encounter
 - A personal revelation



How are our Lives Transformed?

- Not “trying harder to do what we know we ought to do”
- We need the kind of personal encounter that these disciples had
 - Not head-knowledge
 - Instead: A personal encounter in our hearts



Soaking Time

- **Let's pray for an encounter like the one these disciples had**
 - A personal encounter
 - On a heart level

