



Leading People into a Growing
Relationship with Jesus Christ!

Antioch CELEBRATION Message: Cleopas

Sermon Series: SECOND CHANCES – God, Grace and YOU

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Start the Conversation

What is one of your favorite songs? Is it written from a sad perspective or a hopeful perspective?

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Read Luke 24:13-34. What changes to get you from the “hopeless” road TO Emmaus to the “hopeful” road FROM Emmaus?

- Prayer
 - The most important prayer starts with where your heart is really at and ends with a humility characterized by thankfulness towards God.
 - Are you praying prayers that begin with honesty?
- Recognizing Jesus
 - Take some time to prayerfully ask God where He was in your struggle.
- Experiencing Jesus through God’s people
 - Share your experiences to gain new perspectives.

All of you together are Christ’s body, and each of you is a part of it. 1
Corinthians 12:27 (NLT)

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Cleopas had faithfully followed Jesus, and yet he found himself on the road of discouragement and doubt.

- Does it surprise you that sometimes faithful people find themselves bewildered, confused, and discouraged?
- What situations or struggles have invited you to doubt the presence of Jesus in your life?
- Does Jesus sometimes walk with people through their difficulties without them realizing it?
- Have you ever realized AFTER the fact that Jesus was, in fact, with you during your struggle?
- Why do you think Jesus picked that specific time to let them see who he really was?

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How did Jesus love Cleopas? Was it simply by telling Cleopas what he wanted to hear?

How should you treat others as a result of having been loved by Jesus?

How do I become a “safe” person for others?

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How did Jesus show good leadership as he influenced Cleopas and his friend?

Notice the change in Cleopas’ story from verses 19-24 to verse 34—he went from hopeless and bewildered to confidently proclaiming that Jesus has really risen! Which is closer to how you describe Jesus in your life? Be honest!

What’s your next step? Learning more about Jesus? Living out of His strength in your life? Taking steps to love and serve others? Stepping up to lead others? Recognize that your greatest contributions to yourself and others will come when you humbly surrender to God’s power in your life!

Pray!

Share with your group what your prayers will look like this week, and ask for prayer to help you engage your next steps!