



SERMON GUIDES

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Re-Entry | WEEK #1

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INTRODUCTION

This week we start a new sermon series called Re-Entry. The disciples needed to learn how to re-enter their world after Jesus' resurrection. What can their experience teach us as we begin to re-enter our post pandemic world?

02.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

The COVID 19 pandemic is now in it's second year. Our daily lives have been greatly impacted by the quarantine.

- Share what you have struggled with the most during the pandemic.
- Share 3 things that you would consider silver linings.

Read Luke 24: 13-35

- Summarize the story what is happening here?
- Why do you think the travelers didn't recognize Jesus?
- What did Jesus say to them?
- How did Jesus use scripture to explain what was happening?
- What happened when Jesus broke bread with them?
- Is it significant that their eyes were opened when he broke bread?

As Methodists we believe that communion is a means of grace. Meaning when we take communion we expect Jesus to be present and impart grace to us.

- How does this shape your idea of communion?

Jesus met the travelers in the middle of their ordinary lives. Jesus' resurrection changed every day ordinary life for the disciples. They were never the same but they were better. We are Easter people too.

- How does walking with Jesus change your ordinary life?
- Can you share a story when you realized God was present during an ordinary moment?



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- How does knowing Jesus is walking with you through life change your perspective?
- What habits can we engage in that help us see Jesus in our ordinary lives?
- How can community help us to walk with Jesus?



NEXT STEPS

1. Take some time this week to list the ways your life is better with Jesus.
2. Think of a habit you can add to your routine to remind you that Jesus is with you.
3. This pandemic has been hard on everyone. How can you encourage someone this week to hang on and let them know it will be over soon?