



Cross Point Emmaus

Pilgrim Welcome Edition

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From the Community Spiritual Director

Congratulations! You've made it! You're basking in the glow of, what we hope, was an amazing, life-changing experience of the Walk to Emmaus. After we've experienced this concentrated weekend of agape love, food, and the overwhelming presence of Christ in our lives, we come back down the mountain and ask, now what?

Well first, let me tell you, that while every mountaintop experience will eventually end, our pursuit of sanctifying grace is a lifelong experience! The best way that we in your community have found to continue this pursuit is active participation in the Emmaus community by attending reunion weekends, serving on future Emmaus teams, and sponsoring others who you believe would benefit from the Walk to Emmaus.

Remember, Emmaus is NOT designed to replace your local church. This is your first responsibility always! However, in my experience, the more I serve God and make Him a priority in my life, the closer I feel to Him and my awareness of His activity goes through the roof! How can you not see God at work in our world when you're keeping your eyes open and looking for Him?

The other way that I'd like to encourage you is to find and participate in a reunion group. Those were talked about

See David, pg. 2

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Living out our 4th days are not easy. Each day when an obstacle to God's grace crosses my path, I am faced with the choice to either give in and give up, or remember what I was taught during my Emmaus experience. Being in my reunion group is a priority in my life. I don't miss. Each Monday night, we gather and share in our successes and our failures, our prayer needs and our plan for the week. My reunion group is one thing that is never marked off of my schedule.

Another way I live out my 4th days with success is I stay in Bible study, attend weekly worship, take communion weekly and attend Emmaus events. Since I know the study is part of how I grow in my own faith, it too, is a priority. Being with my Emmaus family is another way I stay focused during those days that are more difficult than others.

I love knowing that at our once a month gatherings, I can reconnect with those who I may

not have visited with since the last month's gathering. Next month, bring someone who has never been exposed to the Emmaus community. Maybe they will be the next pilgrim you sponsor.

Sharen Hale

– Board Member

Sponsors Hour/Candle Light

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“With God all things are possible.”

David, from pg. 1

on the Walk you just completed, and are an essential part to your continued growth. If we attempt to “go this alone”, we’ll soon find out that we allow other activities and interests to step into our lives and, if we’re not careful, the impact of the weekend can slip completely away.

We want you to continue building your spiritual life and that takes community! Christianity is not a solo endeavor. It takes community! The best way to live in that community is through finding people who have had a similar experience of God’s grace and share with them weekly in a reunion group.

There are numerous groups throughout the Cross Point Emmaus Community and if you have difficulty finding a group, maybe you need to form a new group with some of your new best friends from the Walk you’ve just completed. Groups can be single sex, coed, couples...you decide what

works best for you! Then follow the brown reunion card you were given on your walk and discuss each topic openly and honestly within your group. All conversations in your group should be held as confidential so you can share your successes and struggles without hesitation.

If the disciples had returned to their everyday life of fishing after the resurrection of Jesus, where would we be today? If you return to the everyday pattern of your life without making changes inspired by your experience on the Walk to Emmaus, where will you be tomorrow? Don’t let this opportunity slip away! Become the disciple you feel God calling you to be. Become the disciple you found that dedicated Christians CAN be. Share the love. Share the grace. Share the growth!



Grace and peace,

Rev. David Mingus

For your Cross Point Emmaus Board of Directors, we want to welcome you to the community. By now you realize at least some of the work that goes into preparing and staging a Walk.

Between walks there is also a lot of activity: volunteer applications must be received, teams selected, previous walks evaluated, leaders chosen, and preparations made for all the food, decorations, talks, agape, and logistics that it takes to “put on a walk.”

There is also fellowship. That begins with your Fourth Day, and continues with monthly gatherings. Gatherings are a time to share experiences, worship together, share food and friendship. We hold gatherings on designated Saturdays every month. On the website:

www.crosspointemmaus.org

you can find volunteer forms, sponsor forms, maps, and board member addresses. We have added electronic sign-up sheets for the prayer vigils and for food agape.

The newsletter comes out monthly, usually the first week of the month, and announces the gathering and contains other articles/testimony/pictures that have been sent to the editor: info@crosspointemmaus.org or you can use my mail/ email on the website.

Rick Drummond

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