



**COMMUNITY FORMATION
AROUND
RESURRECTION EXPERIENCE**

Bible Portions

Isaiah 25:1-9

Psalms 126

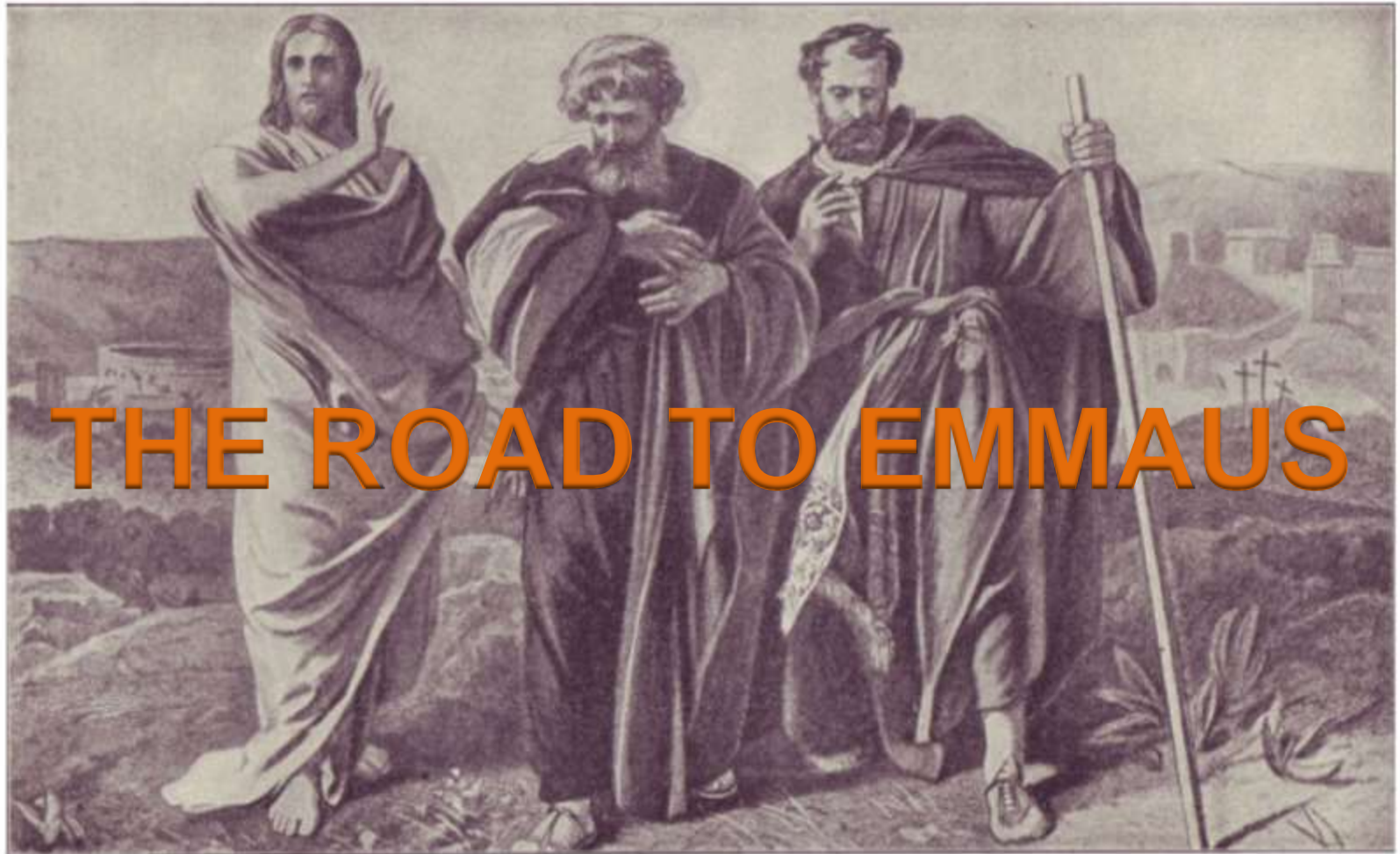
Acts of the Apostles 4:32-37

Luke 24:13-35

Key Verse

“Then their eyes were opened and they recognized him, ...”

“They got up and returned at once to Jerusalem. There they found the Eleven and those with them, assembled together...”



THE ROAD TO EMMAUS

The Journey



- Jerusalem to Emmaus (opposite direction – away from fellowship)
- 60 *stadia* (10.4 – 12 kms)
- On the Easter Eve

The People

- Cleopas (“brother of Joseph !?”)
- Unnamed Disciple

The Understanding & The Attitude

- Political & Military Messiah (wrong notion)
- Failed to understand delivery from sin's slavery
- Hope completely lost (faces cast down)
- Sadness filled their minds and words
- Not beyond bafflement

The Reaction of Jesus

- Anger
- Reintroduction and Explanation
Gen. 3:12,15 ; Num. 21:9 ; Deut. 18:15
Ps(s) 22, 69, 110 ; Isa. 7:14 ; 9:6 ; 53 ; Jer. 31 ;
Ezek. 34:23 ; Zech. 9 ; 12:10 ; Mal. 3.
- Made them recognize HIM at the bread breaking

The Response of the Disciples

- Vagueness gives way to vividness
- Recognizing Jesus
- Got up
- Returned (at once) to Jerusalem
- At Jerusalem they joined the eleven
- Described the happenings

The First Century Church

- Acts 4:32-37
- Believers – one in heart and mind
- Possessions not possessed (held common)
- Shared (made use of it for the deprived)
- Testifying with great power “the Resurrection”
- Much Grace was upon them all
- No needy persons among them

TODAY'S BIBLE PORTIONS SPEAK OF:

Renewal

Comfort

Swallowing up of death

Wiping away of tears

Removal of disgrace

Joyfulness & Abundance

Unity

Sharing

Evangelization

Gracefulness

Sufficiency

Community Formation

Ashram Movement in India (about 108)

- Prayer & Meditation
- Worship & Witness
- Evangelization
- Community Services
(celibates & families)

Ashrams in Kerala

- The Alwaye Fellowship House (1947), Alwaye
- Asha Niketan, Katalur
- The Ashram (1931), Perambavoor
- Bethany Ashram, Lahal
- Bethany Nature Cure and Yoga Centre, Nalanchira, Trivandrum

Ashrams in Kerala

- Bethel Ashram (1922), Tiruvalla
- Bethel Ashram, Trichur
- Chayalpadi Ashram, Angamoozhi
- Christavashram (1940), Manganam, Kottayam
- Christu Dasa Ashram (1929), Palghat

Ashrams in Kerala

- Dhyana Ashram, Wynad
- Gethsemane Ashram, Muvathupuzha
- Jesu Christ Passid Ashram, Cochin
- Kurishumala Ashram, Vagamon, Kottayam
- Prarthana Ashram (1948), Neyyatinkara

The Church should definitely be a Community formed around Resurrection Experience.



“The Church is the only society that exists for the benefit of those who are not its members.”

- Archbishop William Temple

Can our Church be the Community Formed around the Resurrection Experience?



Renewed
Ready to Comfort
Removal of fear of death
Wipe away tears
Remove disgrace
Joyfulness & Abundance

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Unity