

“Life Lessons from the Games We Play”
“Ticket to Ride, Seeing Jesus Along the Way”

Easter continues! Christ is Risen! Christ is Risen, Indeed! We are an Easter people! While Lent is forty days, the Celebration of Easter is fifty days ending with Pentecost and the gift of the Holy Spirit. Easter is a celebration of resurrection of new life and of the power of Christ to change and transform the world through his followers. We have encountered the Risen Christ in so many ways. We are in a new sermon series: Easter Encounters: Life Lessons from the Game we Play.” This week our game is Ticket to Ride. This is a relatively new game, and it is a game of strategy, trying to figure out how to completion your train routes. Now, like the disciples on the road to Emmaus, we may not always know where our route is taking us, but we do know that Jesus meets us on every route if we are open to his presence and will always be found in the breaking of bread together.

Pastor Cindy

Things I'd like to remember from today's sermon: **“Ticket to Ride, Seeing Jesus Along the Way”**

Prayer for the Week

O
Jesus,
please find us
wherever we hide.
Come near and be within us.
Come into the midst of every trouble.
Show us the new life you bring.
Open up our eyes and
make our hearts
blaze. Amen

Study Guide

Monday, 5/08/17 Luke 24: 13-16

The last few weeks we have heard a couple of different resurrection encounters, plus comforting words of Jesus preparing his disciples for his departure. In this encounter, two of Jesus' disciples and a stranger comes along side. They were speaking to each other about all the events they had experienced. Jesus was right there with them, but they didn't see it, they didn't see him. It says they were prevented from seeing him. *What prevents us from seeing Jesus along our journey in life? Who joins us in the journey and what do we see when that person walks along side of us?*

Tuesday, 5/09/17 Luke 24: 17-24

The stranger (Jesus) asked the disciples what they were talking about. They must have seemed overwhelmed. When Jesus specifically asks them about the events that occurred, there is a telling phrase, "we had hoped he was the one who would redeem Israel." Then they share that the women had told them that Jesus was alive, but no one seemed to believe them. Still, these disciples, did not recognize Jesus. *Do you, like these disciples have questions about Easter and the events of Easter? What are some of your doubts and fears and sadness?*

Wednesday, 5/10/17 Luke 24: 25-29

Then Jesus speaks pretty harshly to these two disciples. He reminds them of the words they had already heard; that the Christ was to suffer and then entry into Glory. Still, they didn't recognize him and when the time came for them to stop, he was going to continue on. They begged him to stay. In the midst of their grief and pain, still there was something about this stranger, that they wanted more time with him. *Are there time in your life, when you have missed Jesus' presence? Where are you missing God's presence in your life?*

Thursday, 5/11/17 Luke 24: 30-35

As they get ready to eat together, Jesus takes the bread, the way any good Jewish man would and begins to bless it and break it in front of them. It was then, finally then, that the disciples' eyes and hearts and minds were open. They saw Jesus!!! After Jesus disappeared, they immediately got up and returned to Jerusalem to tell the others their good news! Retracing the route they had already taken, how they must have shared the things they missed. *What kind of news would be compelling enough for you to retrace your steps and go back to share? How often have you experienced Jesus in the breaking of bread?*

Friday, 5/12/17 1 Peter 1: 17-21

The author is trying to encourage the church which is suffering on many levels that God loves each of them and does not prefer one group over another. The disciples were living in a strange time and land right after Jesus' resurrection, but so have believers throughout the ages. Every time and place is often like living in a strange land, as followers of Jesus attempt to live like him and share his love and grace with others. Our faith and hope should rest in God, no matter what journey we are on. *How do you allow God's love and grace to help you in the midst of all the strangeness of our life and world?*