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Emmaus**

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From the Gospel of Luke, Chapter 24

¹³Now that same day two of them were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem.

¹⁴They were talking with each other about everything that had happened.

¹⁵As they talked and discussed these things with each other, Jesus himself came up and walked along with them;

¹⁶but they were kept from recognizing him.

¹⁷He asked them, "What are you discussing together as you walk along?" They stood still, their faces downcast. ¹⁸One of them, named Cleopas, asked him, "Are you only a visitor to Jerusalem and do not know the things that have happened there in these days?"

¹⁹"What things?" he asked.

"About Jesus of Nazareth," they replied.

²⁸As they approached the village to which they were going, Jesus acted as if he were going farther. ²⁹But they urged him strongly, "Stay with us, for it is nearly evening; the day is almost over." So he went in to stay with them.

³⁰When he was at the table with them, he took bread, gave thanks, broke it and began to give it to them. ³¹Then their eyes were opened and they recognized him, and he disappeared from their sight.



Southeast

EMMAUS

*Where high-school teens
can learn more about
Christian Faith*

To know Christ, and
To make Him known.

FAQ about EMMAUS

What is Emmaus?

Emmaus begins with a weekend where young people of high-school age are offered a short course in the Christian way of life. Those who attend a weekend will experience Christian fellowship, and a time of reflection and insight into their own lives. There is lots of music, time to meet and get to know new friends, and opportunities to learn through talks and discussions. It provides an opportunity to get to know oneself, others and God, on a deeper level.

What happens on the weekend?

There is discussion, fellowship, singing, worship, good food, and much fun and laughter. There are talks about the Christian faith, and small group discussions. Both adult and teen team members share talks and small group leadership. The weekend runs from Friday evening to Sunday afternoon. Nothing will be asked of candidates that in any way conflicts with traditional Christian beliefs or Biblical teaching.

Who leads the weekend?

The weekend is led by a lay person (confusingly known as Rector), who is supported by a team of teens and adults. Two ordained clergy serve as spiritual directors for the weekend.

Who are the “candidates”?

Candidates come from a wide variety of religious backgrounds and denominations. Some may attend worship services regularly, some occasionally, and some almost never. Generally, a candidate should be enrolled in grade 9 through 12 on the date of the weekend. All are encouraged to continue as active members of their own church after the weekend.

A candidate is usually sponsored by a member of an Emmaus, Cursillo, Tres Dias, or similar community or sometimes by their own clergy. The sponsor supports the candidate before, during and after the weekend with encouragement and prayer.



What does a weekend cost?

To keep costs affordable (presently \$25 for the whole weekend), weekends are held at locations such as area churches (St. David's Episcopal and St. Luke Lutheran). Scholarships are available for anyone in need.

Weekends are usually held twice a year, in spring and fall.

What about after the weekend?

Reunions are held once each month. It is a time to meet old and new friends, to share Christian fellowship, and to support and encourage one another. Teens and adults are welcome to visit a reunion without having been on a weekend.

How can I be a part of this?

No “joining” required, and no dues. Adults who would like to be a part of this intergenerational ministry are welcome. Teens who wish to attend a weekend need a sponsor from Emmaus or a similar group. To learn more, see contact information overleaf.

What do teens say about the Emmaus weekend experience?

Emmaus helped me put things in perspective. My goals changed. J.G.

I've never felt so accepted in my life. Nobody's fake here. J.B.

Emmaus brings me fellowship and growth in Christ. S.S.

Emmaus helps me realize that I need Jesus to bring my life together when it's going off track. S.N.

