

Saturday & Sunday, September 29 & 30, 2018 - “Unsung Heroes - Week 4: The Emmaus Couple” - Doug Kempton

Key Passages: Luke 24:13-49, Matthew 28:20, Hebrews 13:2

* + Feel free to read the passage(s) out loud as a group
	+ Allow the group to share freely about what stood out to them from the passage or from Sunday’s message

Main Ideas

* + Luke 24:13-49: The couple on the road to Emma's
	+ Why are these two even heroes?
	+ We have to figure out who they are
		- 2 of “them” meant they were disciples of Jesus (many other than just the 11)
		- Disciple = someone who adheres to the teachings of another (
		- **to be a devoted disciple of Jesus is to be an unsung hero**
		- They were probable a husband and wife (Cleopas and his wife who was likely at the cross with Jesus’ mother)
		- Jesus entrusted his message to both women and man
	+ They must have been trustworthy
		- Jesus could have appeared and talked to anyone he chose but he chose them
		- T**hey were heroes because they were faithful to deliver the message** (they left for Jerusalem immediately even though it would have been dangerous)
	+ We need to be faithful with what Jesus has given us
		- Who He is and what He has done
		- v48: You are a witness to these things
		- People need to hear the power of God in our lives (our testimony)
	+ Jesus was walking with them even when they couldn’t see or recognize him
		- Even we can’t see Jesus he is with us…He is here
		- It’s not like we’re talking behind his back (Matthew 28:20), Matthew 18:20)
		- We should ask and expect that God would meet us and speak to us like he did with them
	+ **They were heroes because they showed incredible hospitality**
		- Making space for people in our lives (not just opening your home and making a meal)
		- They invited a stranger into their home
		- We miss out on what Jesus has for us when we don’t make space in our hearts/lives for others/strangers (Hebrews 13:2)
		- Hospitality is one sign of spiritual maturity
	+ They just shared their story with the other disciples
	+ God is calling us to share the message and our testimonies with others

Questions(Feel free to use all of these, some of these, or none of these)

* 1. What do you think it means to be a devoted disciple of Jesus? Would you call yourself a devoted disciple? Why or why not?
	2. When was a time when your were faithful with the message Jesus has given you?
	3. When was a time when you weren't faithful with what Jesus has given you? What did you learn?
	4. What is part of your testimony that you feel is part of the message that God has entrusted you with?
	5. When was a time that you were keenly aware that Jesus was with you? How did it affect your mind and heart?
	6. How is God calling you to show hospitality? How can you grow in making space for others in your life/heart?
	7. What is God inviting you into as a result of this passage or message?

\*\***15 Minutes with God Reading Plan-**

**Mon: John 21 Tues: Colossians 1 Wed: Colossians 2 Thurs: Colossians 3 Fri: Colossians 4**

**Songs from the weekend: [Higher- *Grace Original*] - *[Mountaintops* - The Belonging Co.] - [*What A Beautiful Name*- Hillsong Worship] - [There’s No Other Name *- Bethel Music*]**