



Walk to
Emmaus
THE UPPER ROOM

L.O.V. Emmaus Community

Limestone-Ohio Valley Emmaus Community

Spring Issue

L.O.V.E. COMMUNITY NEWS

April

While they were talking and discussing, Jesus himself came near and walked with them.

Luke 24:15

Upcoming Events:

- Gathering April 26
- Ruggles Clean-Up April 30 & May 2
- Men's Walk #10—May 5-8
- Gathering May 24

Next Community Gatherings at 7:00 p.m.
The Maysville Church of the Nazarene
156 Maple Leaf Rd.

If possible, bring a snack to share.

Board of Directors:
4/26/05 at 5:45 pm
5/31/05 at 7:00 pm

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Men's Walk #10 Team News

Team training for Love Community Men's Walk #10 began March 24, 2005. The spirit of cooperation and charity has been strong since our opening prayer. God is moving throughout the team to prepare our hearts and minds for the job He has set before us.

Won't you consider being part of Walk #10? Workers are still needed for various jobs. Please pray about making Agape, preparing meals, serving meals, campground cleanup before and after the walk, or being part of the 72 hour prayer vigil.

Please continue to pray for the team and for the pilgrims God has chosen to walk with Him these three days.

*De Colores,
Wayne Harper
Lay Director—Men's Walk #10*

Women's Walk #10 Team News

I cannot tell you what a privilege and honor it is to be Lay Director of Women's Walk #10.

There is no way when I went on my walk in June of 2000 that anyone would have convinced me that I would be Lay Director. WOW! How far God has brought me. I made a commitment on Sunday afternoon of my walk that I would listen for God's little nudges, that I would be His hands and feet, and that I would be a light in a world of darkness. I have tried to be a willing vessel for God and be open to what He wants me to do for Him, but being human I fail Him so much.

I am very excited and looking forward to what God has in store for Walk #10. I know there is a blessing for each team member as well as the pilgrims. Please continue to lift me and the team up in prayer. As the verse I take on every walk says, "I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me." (Philippians 4:13), because without Him I can do nothing.

PRAISE HIS HOLY NAME!!!

*Judy Day
Lay Director
Women's Walk #10*

Men's & Women's Walk #10 Team Members

Spiritual Director	Mike Canada	Ray Snider
- Assistant	Charles Mallory	Bill Henry
Lay Director	Wayne Harper	Judy Day
- Assistants	Brent Arn	Kay Grooms
	Tom Josche	Debbie Pfeffer
	Marc Wells	Lori Perry
Board Rep.	Bob Hedleston	Georgjean Shelton
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	Alan Leonard	Karen Hughes
	Jim Pyle	Colette McGinnis
	John Bisotti	Alison Dunn
	Rod Baker	Donna Tavis
		Shirley Arn
- Assistants	Leon Pollard	Brenda Frodge
	Mike Harper	Michele Born
	Bob Smith	Judy Calvert
	Tim Naylor	Diana Brown
	Robert King	Pat Nelson
		Shauna Spriggs
Music Director	Roger Cheesbro	Sharon Snider
- Assistants		Mary Banks
		Rita Harper
Prayer Servants	Bill Shelton	Stella Hull
	Fred Kragler	Doris Redmond
Logistics	Jeff Frodge	Walene Bennett
	Truman King	Tracy Berry
	Jim DeAtley	Elise Starkey
Kitchen	Tom Tavis	Tim Naylor
	Dell Click	Janice Edingfield

Please pray for our team members, that they will serve in humility, and with gratitude for the opportunity. That they will be reminded that the Holy Spirit calls for their love, patience, kindness, gentleness, and self control in all things!





As Volunteer Coordinators for the LOVE Community, we are responsible for recruiting and organizing people in our community to help complete vital tasks. We are not only asking YOU to help, but offering YOU the opportunity to serve God and give back to the Community. Various ways to serve might include assisting with gatherings, preparing for walks, and participation in walk weekends.

Plans are being made to prepare the camp for the upcoming Men's and Women's walks. Much help is needed to reopen and clean the camp after the winter months!!! Work days are scheduled – so please mark your calendar!!!

- Saturday, April 30 - Starting at 9:00 am until mid afternoon
- Monday, May 2, beginning at 5:00 pm.

Please come to Ruggles with cleaning supplies, brooms, mops, vacuum, etc. and help get the camp ready for these walks. As the teams will be meeting and training, it would be great for the rest of the community to share in some fun together time while doing this much needed spring cleaning. Please see Walene or Donnie Bennett at the April gathering if you have any questions or would like more information.

The following words to a familiar song remind us to "pass it on..."
*What a wondrous time is spring, when all the trees are budding
 The birds begin to sing, the flowers start their blooming;
 That's how it is with God's love, once you've experienced it.
 You want to sing, it's fresh like spring, you want to pass it on.*

Come to Ruggles and Pass It On!!
 De Colores,
 Walene and Donnie Bennett
 Volunteer Coordinators
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Thoughts from the Community Lay Director...

Dear L.O.V.E. Community,

It is an exciting time in our community. Teams are forming and training for upcoming walks. Pilgrims are listening to the gentle nudges from God calling them to attend a weekend. Opportunities galore exist for anyone who would like to be a part of a weekend. There are so many ways to serve our Lord and be His hands and feet!

As the walk weekends approach, questions seem to arise about the "conference room" team and "support roles" which work outside the conference room. I recently read article (shared with you on Page 4) which described the carefully designed "cloistered" environment better than I have ever read. After you read it, should you have questions or comments, please contact me personally and I will be happy to talk with you. As you read the comments, please recall that being a servant requires a servant's heart – basically wanting no credit. The Walk to Emmaus model has named this "anonymous servanthood." This type of service is required before a person is asked to serve in a different role for a weekend. One *must* have a servant's heart to be a true servant for Christ.

Please consider serving in some capacity on a weekend.

*In His love,
 Stacy Downing
 LOVE Community Lay Director*

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Pilgrims - Walk #10

Men's Walk (May 5-8)

1. Mike Adkins
2. Jason Baker
3. Shellie Baker
4. Dan Bennett
5. Amos Bolar
6. Jack Bullock
7. Mike Burke
8. Henry Chisman
9. John Gump
10. Ken Harmon
11. Tim Ratcliff
12. Gabriel Reed
13. Barry Rodbell
14. Clarence Wilkerson
15. Scott Williams
16. Allen Winters
17. David Wirth

Women's Walk (June 2-5)

1. Ann Bach
2. Alice Baily
3. Terry Barger
4. Chasity Bolar
5. Donna Commadore
6. Linda Dunaway
7. Jill Evans
8. Gail Frazier
9. Elaine Hall
10. Candi Hughes
11. Connie Mack
12. Erin Marshall
13. Shirley Miller
14. Tanya Mitchell
15. Traci Nickel
16. Barbara Nickoson
17. Casey Reed
18. Anne Reed
19. Glenda Ruggles
20. Leslie Sparks
21. Courtney Spear
22. Helen Stephan
23. Alyssa West
24. Tammy Wood

Please be in prayer, specifically by name, for these pilgrims who are answering God's call to participate in our upcoming walks. We ask that they have open ears, minds, and hearts to receive whatever He has in store for them!

A Note from the Registrar...

Above is a list of our pilgrims for the upcoming walks. There is still space and time to get your pilgrim in for the Men's walk, so please send in the registration form with the \$15 deposit. We are taking waiting list names for the Women's Walk.

Sponsors and pilgrims should have received an information letter about the walk. If you know of any individuals that did not receive a letter or are unable to attend, please let me know as soon as you can.

Have a Great Day.
 God loves you!

*DeColores,
 Cyndi Frodge
 Registrar*



SPONSORSHIP

"GOTS TO KNOWS"

(Please clip and save these Sponsorship guidelines for easy reference!)

Our Spring Walks are quickly approaching and nearly all the spots are all filled with Pilgrims who are answering God's call. However, it is not too early to begin thinking, and to be in prayerful consideration of whom you will sponsor in the Fall. You have been, or will be starting, to talk over your sponsorship ideas with God and may have already made some contacts with your pilgrim. Remember, that the Walk to Emmaus has very specific guidelines or "Gots to Knows" that we must keep in mind.

Failure to heed the Walk to Emmaus' ideas on sponsorship can result in a diminished experience for not just the pilgrim you have sponsored, but many others—other pilgrims, team members, and even you, the sponsor.

Below are some "Gots to Knows":

- Start with prayer. Pray that God will show you the person who is ready, willing, and in need of the Emmaus experience.
- Present the Walk to your would-be pilgrim. **Take the attitude that you are giving the person a wonderful gift rather than he/she "needs to go."**
- Wait for his/her decision.
- Work actively to support the pilgrim, before, during and after the Walk.
- Do not take sponsorship responsibilities lightly or carry them out casually or haphazardly.
- Pray extensively, with diligent thought, careful planning and follow through.

The *Walk to Emmaus Sponsorship* booklet details wise and unwise sponsorship. Below is an excerpt from the sponsorship manual (pages 12-15).

Whom to Sponsor

Sponsorship can be unwise or wise. Unwise sponsorship results from unbridled enthusiasm that wants everyone to have the same experience. Sponsors with unbridled enthusiasm approach anybody and everybody with the admonition that "you need to go on The Walk," and that open invitation is the primary (sometimes the only) emphasis. This approach lacks discernment and will result in a burden for the church.

Wise sponsorship is careful, intentional, prayerful, and purposeful because it results from God's leading. Pilgrims return to their churches and communities renewed in their commitments to be effective disciples.

Unwise Sponsorship

The sponsor has two considerations to make: Whom to sponsor and whom not to sponsor. A key factor in your consideration is the comfort level of the pilgrim. Those persons who would find The Walk to Emmaus a discomforting experience should not be pressed to attend. This discomfort might extend to the beliefs about God, Jesus Christ, and the Holy Spirit that differ from the traditional Christian belief of the Holy Trinity. The Walk to Emmaus is designed to foster Christian community; it is not a place of theological or religious debate. Persons who challenge

the basic tenets of the Christian faith may become disruptive agents or may become silent and withdrawn. Remember, Emmaus is not for everyone. Some Christian groups have specific dietary restrictions and Sabbath celebrations that the Emmaus weekend experience cannot provide. Because we respect their traditions we do not sponsor persons from such groups. Do not sponsor persons who are not members of a church. These people are not in the position to benefit from Emmaus and then return to their church for additional leadership responsibilities.

Many fine Christian leaders or members of local churches may not be good prospects for Emmaus at a particular time. Put the names of people involved in emotional distress on a list and contact them after the resolution of their emotional situation. Such emotional situations include death of a loved one, divorce proceedings, and work downsizing operations. Defer persons with protracted health problems until their health has improved. Consider those facing surgery and those recovering from surgery at a later time. Carefully consider people whose health conditions don't allow them to sit in the conference room chairs for several hours at a time. These stressful situations may absorb these persons completely, and they will have a difficult time concentrating on Jesus Christ and their relationship with Him for seventy-two hours.

Other persons to avoid sponsoring on The Walk to Emmaus are church-hoppers and soapboxers. The church-hopper joins the church, finds something wrong, complains, then leaves. This person is looking for the perfect church. Church-hoppers can't produce good fruit because they are never satisfied. Like the seed in the parable of the sower (Matt. 13:20-21), they are sown on rocky soil. The seed grows but does not have a strong root; it wavers and falls, never producing fruit.

Have you ever planned an enjoyable evening with friends only to have it spoiled by a soapboxer? One person feels the need to talk extensively about a pet subject that interests no one else. That person is a soapboxer. Soapboxers use any forum to talk about their favorite theme and to dominate the situation. They do not hear or want to hear other views, and they frequently chide people who do not agree with them. The writers of Ephesians (5:6) and Colossians (2:8) describe these persons who come with fancy words and their own philosophy, trying to sway us to their position.

Church-hoppers and soapboxers will distract those who want to enhance their spiritual growth during the weekend experience. Out of consideration for the others on the weekend as well as for the Emmaus community and the growth of the local church, do not sponsor church-hoppers and soapboxers.

Persons who differ doctrinally from the basic doctrine espoused in The Walk to Emmaus do not make strong prospects for the Walk. Controversy over doctrine causes divisiveness, and The Walk to Emmaus is designed to bring the body of Christ together.

Wise Sponsorship

Whom, then, do you sponsor? Initially consider sponsoring persons who are committed to living a life that is pleasing to God, those who want to grow and increase their knowledge and understanding of God and God's will. These persons evidence an excitement about being a Christian and recognize God's work in the lives

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(Sponsorship—Cont'd from Page 3) of those around them. Sponsor church leaders—anyone actively involved in the church—including those in visible leadership roles. This broad-based understanding of leadership encompasses persons who help in the nursery and those who teach church school or assist a church school teacher. Persons serving on committees, singing in the choir, helping with drama, participating in the men's or women's groups, or helping with any outreach program in the church are all in positions of leadership. Anyone who actively participates in the ministry of the local church is in a position of leadership.

Among these leaders of the church, seek those who are *authenticators*. Authenticators give prayerful, careful, and fair consideration of ideas; listen more than they speak (James 1:19); and are well respected among the membership. When given a job to do, these persons accept the job and follow through to its completion. You can count on them. They pursue God's calling. If authenticators are the first church members to attend the Emmaus weekend and have a positive experience, they will make it much easier to sponsor others in that church.

After sponsoring the authenticators in a church, then turn your attention to those who actively work in the church behind the scenes, fulfilling the role of the *servant* (Mark 10:43-45). Servants put discipleship into action. They prepare communion; they serve as ushers, work in the kitchen and nursery, and assume the responsibility for having the proper adornments on the chancel furniture. They regularly inspect the choir and acolyte robes and have them repaired when needed. They manage the church library and regularly inspect all church bulletin boards to remove outdated and unnecessary material. They frequently assist with, or totally provide, custodial care and gardening services. Their involvement includes care giving programs, secretarial support, and visitation of shut-ins and visitors. Often these people are the backbone of the church. They willingly do whatever is asked of them; they are the first ones to see a need and make an effort to fulfill it. Frequently they receive little recognition for their efforts and prefer it that way. Their joy comes from serving God in the little ways.

Then move on to those persons in the church who are seeking their service role—faithful attendees, dependable persons with many talents and gifts who seem to be searching for a place to serve. Many times these people are just waiting to be asked to do something. When they find an area that matches their gifts, they usually become strong leadership potential.

Sponsors should commit to recruiting strong church leaders in order to strengthen the local church. For The Walk to Emmaus to be effective, individual congregations must know how to use the program. Emmaus is not a place where a local church sends its problem members to get "straightened out," nor is it an evangelistic tool to "make new Christians." Emmaus is meant to strengthen church leaders... the Walk to Emmaus cannot do everything; instead it has narrowed its focus to the spiritual renewal of church leaders. Our sole purpose in recruiting new Pilgrims should be the strengthening of our own congregations. (Day Four, 50)

Viewing The Walk to Emmaus as a hospital to cure all ills will weaken the community. Pray and work to strengthen the community and renew the church. Remember that The Walk to Emmaus is not for everyone. Be certain that the individual you invite is right for Emmaus and that Emmaus is right for that individual.

Again, the above is an abbreviated version of information found in the "Walk to Emmaus Sponsorship" manual. Copies are available for purchase at gatherings, or you can contact any of your Emmaus leaders for more information.

De Colores!

George Smith
Sponsorship Chairperson
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Hello! My name is Donna Tavis and I am the new agape coordinator. Do you remember all the wonderful agape you received on your walk?

Now you have the opportunity to help shower God's love on the pilgrims for Walk #10 by contributing your own agape. Creating table and bedtime agape is a wonderful project for share groups, couples, classes or individuals. You don't have to be "crafty", just creative. After reading the Upper Room's Handbook of Emmaus, which we have a covenant agreement to adhere to, I discovered a couple of areas where the Love Community has strayed from the model set forth in this handbook concerning agape.

The first concerns table and bedtime agape. Since agape is an expression of unconditional love, no personal names can be attached, although share group and church names are acceptable.

For example, you could use Rose of Sharing Sisters, or Sunshine UMC, but you should not use Donna, Vickie, Lori and Judy, etc. The pieces of agape do not have to recognize the donors at all. If you have already prepared agape for the upcoming walks and have your name(s) on them and cannot easily remove them, that's okay. Bring it anyway. Just remember this rule when preparing agape for future walks.

For each walk we need approximately 60 pieces of agape (or 30 pieces of each for pilgrims only). Please place agape in a bag or box with a label or note attached with your name and the number of pieces enclosed. Any leftovers may be picked up after each walk and used to jump start your agape for the next walk.

The second area involves the personal agape letters. The Emmaus Handbook limits the number of letters a pilgrim is to receive during the walk to 12. The pilgrims may receive an unlimited number of letters, but it will be up to the sponsor to hold out the letters from 12 family and friends closest to the pilgrim. All other agape letters will be given to the sponsor to give to the pilgrim after the closing on Sunday (perhaps in the car on the way home). There are a few advantages to this limit. With the time allotted, the pilgrims will be able to read the 12 letters and not feel rushed. It also eliminates any feeling of being "less loved" if one pilgrim receives a few letters and another pilgrim receives an abundance.

The Men's Walk is May 5—8 and the Women's Walk is June 2—5, so let's get those creative juices flowing!

DeColores,

Donna Tavis
Agape Chairperson
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A Note from the Worship Director . . .

Since becoming Worship Leader in January, I have thoroughly enjoyed the opportunity to serve you—and more importantly, the Risen Savior. Leading people in Worship is something that is very fulfilling for me. Trying to discern what the Holy Spirit has in mind can be very interesting and always a learning experience.

Getting to pick the 4th Day Speaker has also proven to be fun. Each Talk has been different, very informative and enlightening. It is obvious that each speaker has put a lot of prayer, thought, and work into their talk. Although sometimes, it is like the commercial where the man is going down the office halls asking if anyone is going to the Post Office and everyone runs the other direction.

Another part of my job is to get the Communion Elements, so far this has happened. I can assure you that one or more of the Elements will be forgotten before my term in office is over, hopefully someone will catch this in time and all will be well.

Your Worship Leader would like to take this time to thank you from the bottom of his heart for the way you have welcomed him into your fold. He has said before that you are his rock and it can be said again now, you are my rock. You are good people and it is a pleasure to serve you.

DeColores,
Tim Naylor
Worship Director
Worship@lovemmaus.org



April Showers

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YOU'RE INVITED!



SAVE THE DATE!

Please join us at
**Camp Ruggles for an
Outdoor Gathering
and Cook-Out!**

**Date: Tuesday
June 28, 2005**

**More details to follow, but
please mark your calendars!**

**Summer
Fun**



The L.E.A.D. Committee met March 15th. Present were John and Fran Denham, John and Kathy Bissotti, Al and Patty Rhonemus, Mike and Delace Canada, Bill and Georgjean Shelton.

Bill shared the report for Men's Walk #9.

Things went well, just a few things to report.

The committee brought a few suggestions and ideas to the board meeting for review. The L.E.A.D. committee is set up to Learn, Educate and Do—in an effort to help keep the community within the guidelines of the Upper Room.

DeColores
Georgjean Shelton
LEAD Committee Chairperson

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**This article was written by Dick Gilmore,
International Lay Director, Walk to Emmaus:**

There has been a lot of discussion surrounding the topic of the separation of the "behind the scenes" support group and the conference room team. Many people struggle with understanding the reason why the Walk to Emmaus program has always intended for this separation to occur. It is simply about teaching us how to serve anonymously without wanting credit for what we do. The cloistered environment of the pilgrims and the conference room team has a history that spans about 60 years.

The anonymity of servants in support of the conference room group is based on several premises. The first is found in the Scriptures. Matthew, chapter 6 provides extensive examples of Christ admonishing us to do things in such a manner that attention is not drawn to the individual, but that the service is rendered solely for the sake of Christ—anonymous servanthood. Another example in Scripture is Matthew 25 where Christ speaks of separating the sheep and the goats. The one group was so engrossed in providing service, they were unaware they were providing the service. This is a demonstration of anonymous servanthood.

The second premise is that excessive requirements for people to be involved in Emmaus functions detract from our primary responsibility to serve our church and our family. Conference room team meetings do not provide any help or guidance for support servants to fulfill their responsibilities during the Emmaus event.

The third premise is that the Conference Room Team needs to develop into Christian community so they can live and demonstrate Christian community to the pilgrims. It is difficult for this to be accomplished in the 23-26 hours of team meetings. Adding others to the team meetings will require a longer period of time to develop Christian community, and if there are too many additions, it will actually prevent the group from forming Christian community.

The fourth premise is that the weekend is for the pilgrims. Everything that happens is for the pilgrims, not the team and not the support persons. The talks are prepared **for the pilgrims** and the personal examples cited in the talks are **for the pilgrims**.

The fifth premise is that the cloistered conference room group becomes the example for the reunion group. What is said there - stays there. What happens in that group—stays in that group.

The sixth premise is that the cloistered environment affirms the pilgrims that they can open up in confidence. The group they are with in the conference room is the same for the entire 72-hour experience.

The seventh premise is the concept that there is a definite difference between true service and self-service. This is eloquently presented in the chapter on service in Richard Foster's book titled Celebration of Discipline.

The eighth premise is that we each need to experience anonymous servanthood as part of our leadership development. The purpose of Emmaus is to develop leaders for the church. If we can't serve anonymously in the area of true service, there is no way we can be an effective servant leader in front of people.

The ninth premise is based on the awe of the pilgrims as they experience all that is happening, but do not see anyone providing all the things—things just happen and things just appear.

The tenth premise is the revelation at closing when the pilgrims see for the first time the large number of people who have been working *behind the scenes* in support of them.

Taking these ten premises together, they provide the foundation for and a profound demonstration of what Christianity is all about. It all flows together as a dynamic example of Christian love or agape love. This is the one principle that sets Christianity apart from all other religions.

There is a critical element to having the support team working behind the scenes. The support group serves as a hedge of protection around the cloistered conference room group. This hedge of protection is there to keep out other influences, interruptions, diversions, etc., so the pilgrims are able to devote their entire being—heart, mind, spirit - to their encounter with Jesus Christ, and be receptive to the workings of the Holy Spirit in each of them.

Your expressions of concern have been voiced by others, but this has been a very small minority of Emmaus people. There are other communities where the issue has been raised, yet they agreed to abide by the covenant and conduct the Walk events according to The Upper Room Model. The responses from these communities have been of the following: "How freeing it is to follow the model."

Please prayerfully consider all the above. Review the Scriptures and carefully read Richard Foster's book.

*In the service of Christ,
Richard A. Gilmore, Ph.D.
International Lay Director*

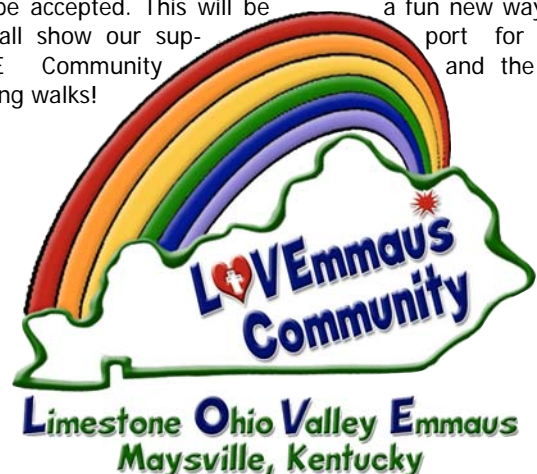
T-Shirts Available at April Gathering!!!

Just in time for the upcoming Spring Walks, T-Shirts with the new LOVE Community Logo (pictured below) will be available for purchase.

The short-sleeved shirts will be high-quality cotton, and will be a full-color, front screen print, featured in a variety of colors and sizes. Sizes Small-XL will be available for \$10.00, while XXL and XXXL will be \$12.00

Also available to order will be long sleeve denim shirts with the same logo embroidered on the left chest. The denim shirts will run approximately \$25.00.

Cash or checks (made out to *LOVE Community*) will be accepted. This will be a fun new way we can all show our support for the LOVE Community and the upcoming walks!



How Do I Join a Small Group?

The following article is just part of "The Group Reunion" book published by the Upper Room for the Walk to Emmaus. The books are available to anyone at the Gatherings. If you can give a donation, it will be used to purchase more books for others.

"Two routes are available for joining a group. Either you may seek out a group that is already in process or you may seek out friends to form a new group. Joining a group requires personal initiative and prayer. While persons are ready to assist you, NO ONE WILL AUTOMATICALLY MATCH YOU WITH A GROUP. Group reunions represent a step of faith on the part of people who are taking personal responsibility for their lives as Christians with the help of the Holy Spirit.

Emmaus groups form most naturally among friends or among persons who already have some basis of relationship, such as the Emmaus experience, membership in the same church, or simply a common desire to be more intentional about one's Christian discipleship. Each of these is a solid foundation for building an accountability group.

Expect some change in the membership of group reunions. Members move

away, secure new jobs, get married, have babies, transfer churches, alter schedules, undergo crisis, and change as persons. The combination of external factors that make some groups possible may change, making the same groups impossible a few years down the road.

Sometimes persons may change groups for personal reasons—to start new groups, to join a group with a person who shares similar goals or needs, to get a fresh start apart from difficult past relationships. No one needs to feel obligated to stay in the same group forever.

When you are having trouble joining a group, pray that the Spirit open your eyes to potential companions among the people around you. Call on those persons who can offer assistance: your sponsor, your table leader from your Emmaus weekend, the Good Shepherd in the Emmaus Community, and your pastor or other church staff."

The Group Reunion, Walk to Emmaus, the Upper Room

Step up, step forward and join or begin a new group!

DeColores,
Colette McGinnis—*The Good Shepherd*
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From the Spiritual Director . . .

Hello Beautiful Emmaus People!

One of the most important things about family is "presence". David Elkind tells a story of a time he was observing a circle of boys, including his son, who were in a nursery school class. The conversation he heard went something like this: Child A: "My Daddy is a Doctor and he makes a lot of money and we have a swimming pool." Child B: "My Daddy is a lawyer and he flies to Washington and owns a company and we have our own airplane." Child C: "My Daddy is here!"

Mr. Elkind's point was that children enter as a visible symbol of caring and connection—more than any material support could ever be.

The Gospel stories that describe the life of Jesus are so awesome because at the center, they describe God in the flesh choosing to be present with us. The power of a nuclear explosion cannot match the far-reaching impact of our "presence", motivated by the hand of God amongst others.

One of the statements I hear the most from Emmaus Pilgrims after their walk is: "I never experienced love like that!" Folks, what they experienced came as a result of "family" and energy to all involved. God takes what we offer Him in Spirit, and multiplies it in wonderful ways by His challenge of being on an Emmaus team; pray for group; or roll up our sleeves to serve in the local church, God works through our caring and connectedness to release the same power that raised Christ from the dead!

DeColores,
Michael Canada
Community Spiritual Director

EXPERIENCE Spring



Spring Walks will soon be here!

Walk #10

Men: May 5-8, 2005

Women: June 2-5, 2005

Walk #11

Men: September 8-11, 2005

Women: October 6-9, 2005

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