

[MESSAGE NOTES]

Week 3 — *Making Room* (Luke 24:13-32)

Message Notes:

[QUICK REVIEW]

Looking at your notes from this week's message, was there anything you heard for the first time or something that caught your attention, challenged, or confused you?

[MY STORY]

We've all felt at one time or another what it feels like to be left out or left behind. That's what make someone who has the gift of presence and hospitality so refreshing! ***What has been the most welcoming person or environment that you have ever experienced? What made it that way?***

[DIGGING DEEPER]

This week we spent some time with Jesus and two disciples on the road to Emmaus. We learned that if we are to experience the presence of God, we must welcome the presence of others. Read these 3 passages. ***What do they say about hospitality?***

1 Peter 4:8-9

Romans 12:13-20

Matthew 25:34-40

It is clear that welcoming the stranger, inviting and taking care of them, and making room for others is a clear command and example of how God desires us to live in the World. Three specific arenas that we are called to engage this are through friendship, eating with, and inviting others. Instead of spending our time learning more information, we encourage you to walk through the exercise below and out the command to be hospitable into practice.

First, **take a moment and pray that God would bring to mind friends, neighbors, coworkers, or even people you know very little about to your mind who He may be desiring you to connect with.** In the space below, list these people out:

Second, **ask God to put one or two on your heart this week. Ask yourself: *Who is God calling me to make room for in my life this week?*** Circle or underline those people in the list above.

Finally, **ask God how He wants you to make room for these people this week. *How will you be a friend to these people? How can you invite them into your life? What would it look like to intentionally share a table with them?*** Write this commitment out below:

I will _____ with _____ this week.

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I will _____ with _____ this week.

[WEEKLY READINGS]

Studies say that someone who reads their Bible 4 times or more a week improves their joy, happiness, contentment, and overall approval of their life. (*1 Tim. 4:8-10,16; 2 Tim. 3:16-17*). As a church, we believe that! Below are 4 passages of Scripture this week to dive into to pull deeper on our weekend's message.

Luke 24

Joshua 2

Acts 16

Luke 19