



Westminster Presbyterian Church Digging Deeper Questions

April 15, 2018

“Resurrection Road”

Scripture: Psalm 16:5-11 &
Luke 24:13-35

Open in Prayer

Fellowship Question: If you got laid off from work today or your job was “terminated,” where would you go to “get yourself together”?

Study Questions for the Sermon and Text:

- 1) How do you typically process difficult news (i.e. Do you need to be alone or do you like to be surrounded by others? Do you go for a walk or sit in a quiet space? Or do you find a way to scream and shout to just ‘get it all out.’)?
- 2) When you are afraid or in pain, what are your coping mechanisms? Is there a person or group you lean on, or a practice you take part in to get through the experience?
- 3) How are pain and fear connected to courage and hope?
- 4) Read Psalm 16:5-11.
 - a) In your mind, what does it mean for the Lord alone to be “your portion and cup”?
 - b) How does David respond to God’s goodness (verses 7-8)?
 - c) Reflect on verses 9-11. David says his heart is glad, his tongue rejoices, and his body will rest secure. Why? How might his words give us hope? What do his words say about resurrection?
- 5) Read Luke 24:13-35.
 - a) What word (or words) would you use to describe what Cleopas and his friend were feeling as they walked toward Emmaus?
 - b) Why do you think Cleopas and his friend are kept from recognizing Jesus?
 - c) What questions does Jesus ask the two men? How do the men respond to his questions?
 - d) If Jesus showed up today and walked a few miles with you, what sort of questions do you think he’d ask?
 - e) What is significant about the moment the men recognize Jesus? What is similar about this moment and the other “aha” moments Jesus’ disciples have before his crucifixion and resurrection? How is it different?
- 6) Pastor Dave used this quote from C.S. Lewis in his sermon. To what degree do you agree with Lewis?

...pain insists on being attended to. God whispers to us in our pleasures, speaks in our conscience, but shouts in our pain: it is His megaphone to rouse a deaf world.

Prayer: Lord, open our eyes and our hearts as we walk along with you.