

On the Road with Jesus: The Road to Mission
April 23, 2017
Lynn Haven UMC

Introduction

Then [Jesus] opened their minds to understand the Scriptures. And he said, “Yes, it was written long ago that the Messiah would suffer and die and rise from the dead on the third day. It was also written that this message would be proclaimed in the authority of his name to all the nations, beginning in Jerusalem: ‘There is forgiveness of sins for all who repent.’ You are witnesses of all these things. And now I will send the Holy Spirit, just as my Father promised. But stay here in the city until the Holy Spirit comes and fills you with power from heaven.” (Luke 24:45-49 NLT)

Through careful prayer and study of the scriptures, God also opens our minds to understand His ways. Once we understand, we then are called to share the Good News with others. This week we will spend some time considering how we might begin getting on the road to mission with Jesus.

Digging Deeper

We are able to continue Jesus’ ministry and fulfill our mission when we...

BELIEVE

- “I tell you the truth, anyone who believes in me will do the same works I have done, and even greater works...” (John 14:12 NLT) We just celebrated Easter where we gave thanks for our resurrected Savior. That means we believe that our God can conquer even death! If this is so, why do we struggle with believing God can do mighty things in our own lives? Does our perception of the reality in which we live get in the way of our belief? How do we combat this?

ASK

- “You can ask for anything in my name, and I will do it...Yes, ask me for anything in my name, and I will do it!” (John 14:13-14) If you really want something, do you sit and wish for it or do you ask for it? God knows what is on our minds before we speak it. Praying is asking God directly in an effort to build a solid relationship and fortify the unwavering trust we must have in His will and timing. Even Jesus spent a great deal of time in prayer for others, with others, alone and in nature. He prayed regularly and with persistence. What are some ways in which the prayers of Jesus have inspired your own? What can we learn from His example and the manner in which He prayed?

ACT

- Read James 2:14-20 (NLT). Even the demons believe in God. It is not enough to just believe. In the words of that wise, little green Jedi, Yoda: “Do or do not, there is no try.” We all know just talking about making dinner doesn’t put food on the table, right? Are you too busy talking about your faith that you fail to ever do anything about it? Could God be calling you into a mission of your own? This doesn’t have to mean hopping on a plane to Uganda (although it might!). There

are many ways you can become involved in helping to meet the needs of those right here in Bay County. For example, on Saturday April 29, 2017, Lynn Haven UMC will be living out service in full force through our CityServe projects. To find out more, visit the CityServe table in the back after church this Sunday, or visit this page to sign up for a project: <http://signup.com/go/6GTWWZ>

Conclusion

“Keep on asking, and you will receive what you ask for. Keep on seeking, and you will find. Keep on knocking, and the door will be opened to you. For everyone who asks, receives. Everyone who seeks, finds. And to everyone who knocks, the door will be opened.” Matthew 7:7-8 (NLT)

Now that you believe and have asked, how will you act? Take a moment to prayerfully consider what God is calling you to do, then in faith and obedience, follow Jesus down the road to mission.