



new life fellowship

Sermon Title: **Everyday Mission Series – The Shift to Table Mission**  
Speaker: **Redd Sevilla – Launch Director / New Life East**  
Scriptures: **Luke 24: 13-32**

### **On the Road to Emmaus**

<sup>13</sup> Now that same day two of them were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles<sup>[a]</sup> from Jerusalem. <sup>14</sup> They were talking with each other about everything that had happened. <sup>15</sup> As they talked and discussed these things with each other, Jesus himself came up and walked along with them; <sup>16</sup> but they were kept from recognizing him.

<sup>17</sup> He asked them, “**What are you discussing together as you walk along?**”

They stood still, their faces downcast. <sup>18</sup> One of them, named Cleopas, asked him, “Are you the only one visiting Jerusalem who does not know the things that have happened there in these days?”

<sup>19</sup> “**What things?**” he asked.

“About Jesus of Nazareth,” they replied. “He was a prophet, powerful in word and deed before God and all the people. <sup>20</sup> The chief priests and our rulers handed him over to be sentenced to death, and they crucified him; <sup>21</sup> but we had hoped that he was the one who was going to redeem Israel. And what is more, it is the third day since all this took place. <sup>22</sup> In addition, some of our women amazed us. They went to the tomb early this morning <sup>23</sup> but didn’t find his body. They came and told us that they had seen a vision of angels, who said he was alive. <sup>24</sup> Then some of our companions went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said, but they did not see Jesus.”

<sup>25</sup> He said to them, “**How foolish you are, and how slow to believe all that the prophets have spoken! <sup>26</sup> Did not the Messiah have to suffer these things and then enter his glory?**” <sup>27</sup> And beginning with Moses and all the Prophets, he explained to them what was said in all the Scriptures concerning himself.

<sup>28</sup> As they approached the village to which they were going, Jesus continued on as if he were going farther. <sup>29</sup> But they urged him strongly, “Stay with us, for it is nearly evening; the day is almost over.” So he went in to stay with them.

<sup>30</sup> When he was at the table with them, he took bread, gave thanks, broke it and began to give it to them. <sup>31</sup> Then their eyes were opened and they recognized him, and he disappeared from their sight. <sup>32</sup> They asked each other, “Were not our hearts burning within us while he talked with us on the road and opened the Scriptures to us?”

### **Sermon Summary:**

This Sunday, Pastor Redd will continue our Everyday Mission series exploring the relationship between hospitality, meals, and mission. Please take some time to prayerfully read through Luke 24:13-32 to prepare your hearts to receive what God has for us.

### **Sermon Questions:**

1. Pastor Redd invited us to think about what our table is like- is it solitary, messy, rolling, or open to being expanded? If you would describe yourself as a table, what would it be like?
2. Describe a time when someone has offered you amazing hospitality around their table. What did it mean to you?
3. Read Luke 24:13-32 again. What stands out to you about this story and how the text describes Jesus' interaction with the two men?
4. Jesus came alongside and walked with these men in their discouragement and grief. Pastor Redd said that "discouragement is a silent cry for Jesus to come near (Ps. 34:18)." In what specific area of discouragement or grief do you need to know that Jesus is coming alongside you?
5. The sermon encouraged us to make a shift from a "Table for Me" to a "Table for Mission" by inviting others to our tables and seeing Jesus at the table with us. How do you sense God inviting you to expand your table? Can you take a step this week to invite someone to a meal and ask Jesus to help you recognize he is there with you?