

Pastoral Care Week 2020: Oct. 25-31 2020

Scripture: Luke 24 - Road to Emmaus

Theme

Listening as Accompaniment: Jesus' silent listening to the suffering disciples on the road to Emmaus

Questions to ponder:

- ❖ Is suffering just part of life?
- ❖ How do people heal from physical, emotional and spiritual wounds?
- ❖ What do the stories we listen to and embrace with tenderness, during a pastoral visit teach us about suffering and healing?

Thoughts on the scripture/theme and pastoral visitation:

- ❖ Jesus listens to disciples and our heartaches, expectations, dreams and wishes, disappointments, despair and a spark of dawning hope (our and the disciples suffering)
- ❖ Jesus' Spirit-led/Fatherly love and prayerful clarification through scripture of the significance of it all.
- ❖ Jesus abides with them/us as they processed it until the truth was revealed directly to them by their own experience, brings His pastoral visit (His Mission) to fulfillment.
- ❖ Embracing the difficulties of life rather than running from them.
- ❖ Finding courage and growth in facing the hard times of life.
- ❖ Hearing the stories of the hardships of life, holding them closely and seeing the courage and strength of the person sharing those stories.
- ❖ Being present and a witness to the golden thread of God's presence and healing in each person's life.
- ❖ Looking for the good that is always woven into times of struggle, for God bestows on the world all that is good.
- ❖ We can see the acts of love and kindness occurring in the midst of our trouble as acts of the Holy Spirit...active and present.
- ❖ God sustains us. God may not fix, but God abides. Jesus is Emmanuel: God-with-us.