

Paracletis Week 3 – The Resource of Journey

If you haven't been able to "fill in the blanks" for the third week's morning sermon this should help.

1. Travelling through life

- The challenge of the journey
- The gift of the journey
- The process of the journey

2. Connecting with their story

- The disciples talk about a living memory and present reality
- Jesus connects and commits
- Jesus builds rapport

3. Listening to their story Jesus....

- Users a door opener
 - Jesus asks open-ended questions. He knows exactly what has happened but He wanted to give them the opportunity to talk it out
- Expresses empathy
 - Jesus is listening to the conversation. He's said nothing but He's hearing something deeper than the words He is listening to. He identifies what they were feeling and reflects it to them
- Lets them tell their story
 - The disciples clearly wanted this 'stranger' to know and understand their broken world. And Jesus doesn't cut them short but continues to listen to their story. He had the answer, rather, was the answer, but He wanted them to discover it. He could have imposed it on them as soon as He met them but Jesus understands the importance of the *process* of the journey.

4. By carefronting Jesus....

- Earned the right to speak
 - They were now willing to listen to what He has to say. We cannot speak effectively unless we understand how people feel.
- Helped them face reality
 - Jesus wants them to understand the reality of the circumstances
- Focused on perspective and hope
 - If you've walked with God and God has brought grace and truth to you in your struggle, then you have found a perspective and hope