

## **Emmaus Road**

...and he opened to us the Scriptures (Luke 24:32)

The stories are pouring in and people are shedding lesser things to pursue the greatest things. Meat, sugar, caffeine, television, facebook and shopping are just a few of the things our people have set aside to create space for seeking God's will for their lives and our church! The heart of our fast is to create an atmosphere of prayer where we can intentionally seek the Lord anticipating him to speak to us. I trust these Scriptures and thoughts will further our time of drawing near to him.

### **Monday**

Read Psalm 1:1-2. The Psalmist is speaking to the benefits of allowing God's word to saturate our hearts. For those who continue to seek nourishment from the Scriptures, the Psalmist promises blessing. How have you been taking this kind of disposition with the Scripture? In what ways are you taking counsel from "his law" related to a specific circumstance?

### **Tuesday**

Read Psalm 5:1-3. In fasting together as a church, what "groaning" do you bring before the Lord? What are you believing God for as you create space in your life to seek him? May you always know that the Lord is inclined to your cry and wants you to draw near to him.

### **Wednesday**

Read Psalm 16:7-8. What is the psalmist saying God will do if you seek him? What does it mean to "set the Lord always before you?" David is affirming something that many of us may under-appreciate—that God does instruct and guide his people. What instruction are you seeking? What guidance do you need? Seek him now knowing that he intends to answer your prayers and direct your life!

### **Thursday**

Read Philippians 4:6-7. What kind of attitude are we to have when we pray? What does Paul say happens when we tell the Lord what's happening in our lives? What does this verse give you permission to do? In what areas of your life are you seeking peace? May you discover this unexplainable peace as you take every request to him.

### **Friday**

Read Matthew 7:7-11. What does this passage say about God's disposition toward you as you pray? Jesus is teaching us that God loves to answer prayer because God loves his people! As you open your heart to him, may you always know that he loves to provide what he knows you need.

**Sunday, May 23, 2010**

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