

# BUT WE HAD HOPED

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Series recap:

TOGETHER means...

- > We make a choice to walk with others in liminal space (between now & not yet).
- > We're focused on being with Jesus while we're with each other.
- > We resist the temptation to rush in and fill the emptiness with words.
- > We learn the art of prayerful listening.

Jesus has just asked the two disciples what they are discussing as they walk along the road to Emmaus.

- > We open up about the grand mystery of God's ways.

*Luke 24:19-24*

<sup>19</sup>... "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 him they did not see."

"As we get in touch with our truest longings and desires, we need a community that can listen to our desire and support us in choosing practices and life rhythms that are congruent with what we say we want—intimacy with God, deeper levels of transformation in God's presence, soul friendship and connection with others, and the freedom and courage to offer the gifts of an authentic self to the world." – Ruth Haley Barton

- > We immerse ourselves in the Scriptures, letting God's story bring shape to our story.

*Luke 24:25-27*

<sup>25</sup> He said to them, "How foolish you are, and how slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have spoken! <sup>26</sup> Did not the Christ 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.

*John 5:39-40*

<sup>39</sup> You diligently study the Scriptures because you think that by them you possess eternal life. These are the Scriptures that testify about me, <sup>40</sup> yet you refuse to come to me to have life.