

THE SPACE BETWEEN

LUKE 24:13-15 – ERIC SIMPSON – SEPTEMBER 17, 2017

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¹³ Now that same day two of them were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem. ¹⁴ They were talking with each other about everything that had happened.

¹⁵ As they talked and discussed these things with each other, Jesus himself came up and walked along with them

liminal space = threshold, that place of transition from one state of being to another, usually induced by some sort of crisis, you have left what is tried and true (or it has left you) and you have not yet been able to embrace what's next

TOGETHER means...

➤ We make a choice to walk with others in liminal space.

➤ We're focused on being with Jesus while we're with each other.

Do I have the kind of relationships in my life that help me seek God?

"When our dreams and convictions about what we think community should be are dashed against the jagged reef of human limitations and failure to live up to one another's needs and expectations, then and only then are we ready to accept the fact that Christian community is not about us at all. It is about the transforming presence of Christ—all he will do in and through and for each of us." – Ruth Haley Barton

"The more genuine and the deeper our community becomes, the more will everything else between us recede, the more clearly and purely will Jesus Christ and his work become the one and only thing that is vital between us. We have one another only through Christ, but through Christ we do have one another, wholly, and for all eternity." – Dietrich Bonhoeffer

"Unfortunately today, because there is so much isolation and loneliness, people often get confused about what they are looking for in community. They are unable to discriminate between companionship of interested people and the community of people who can help them seek God. Spiritual community makes real our seeking and supports us in that seeking." – Rose Mary Dougherty