

Sunday 16th August 2020, Dander with God

This is not a service. At no point should people gather together. Please keep to the spirit as well as the letter of all government guidelines and give other people sufficient space. It is currently not permitted to sing loudly.

On this sheet is a Bible story interspersed with questions to think about or discuss with someone else. There is a prayer suggestion and an invitation to return to the ministers before you leave again for the final part. Please wait at a suitable distance if others are already there.

Reading from Luke 24:13-32 Walk to Emmaus

On that same day two of Jesus' followers were going to a village named Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, and they were talking to each other about all the things that had happened. As they talked and discussed, Jesus himself drew near and walked along with them; they saw him, but somehow did not recognise him. Jesus said to them, "What are you talking about to each other, as you walk along?"

Question: What are you talking about to each other, as you walk along?

The virus? The weather? Schools going back? Holidays? How someone is? Other?

They stood still, with sad faces. One of them, named Cleopas, asked him, "Are you the only visitor in Jerusalem who doesn't know the things that have been happening there these last few days?" "What things?" he asked.

Question: How would you explain to a stranger what has been happening here these last few months?

Then Jesus said to them...

Question: What do you think Jesus would say to you in response?

Pray (you may wish to go apart for this)

How would you answer Jesus? Tell him your concerns, your worries, the things that are hard. Are there things you're glad to share? Jesus' friends didn't recognise him but knew he was someone they could talk to. The same goes for us.

As they came near the village to which they were going, Jesus acted as if he were going farther; but they held him back, saying, "Stay with us; the day is almost over and it is getting dark." So he went in to stay with them. He sat down to eat with them, took the bread, and said the blessing; then he broke the bread and gave it to them. Then their eyes were opened and they recognised him, but he disappeared from their sight. They said to each other, "Wasn't it like a fire burning in us when he talked to us on the road and explained the Scriptures to us?"

Jesus wanted to move on but the two friends invited him in. He left them with fire burning within them - the Holy Spirit, who is with us always.

When you are ready, return to one of the ministers for a blessing.

And think of the words from **Isaiah 43** which are on the boards outside Linktown. You might want to leave singing to yourself the same words which are below.



Do not be afraid. I will save you. I call your name. You are mine.
You are precious to me. I love you. I am with you.

***Do not be afraid, for I have redeemed you.
I have called you by your name; you are mine.***

- 1. When you walk through the waters I'll be with you,
you will never sink beneath the waves.**
- 2. When the fire is burning all around you,
you will never be consumed by the flames.**
- 3. When the fear of loneliness is looming,
then remember I am at your side.**
- 4. When you dwell in the exile of the stranger,
remember you are precious in my eyes.**
- 5. You are mine, O my child, I am your Father,
and I love you with a perfect love.**

You are invited to a week of prayer for church and country, Mon 17th-Sat 22nd Aug.
Details on Church of Scotland website
and links at auchtertoolkirk.org.uk and linktown.org.uk