

## RECAP

**Were there any opportunities this week for you to increase your proximity and engagement with your people or cause passion? If so, how did you respond?**

## IDEA 1

Our stories are a mosaic of blessed moments, broken moments, moments of confusion, moments of communion and moments of the mundane and when people see us and interact with us they are interacting with us and all of the moments that have shaped us.

This final piece of the GPS assessment is a heavy lift because it demands us to journey back, and zoom in to the moments in our story so that we can journey forward into the stories of those around us.

- **What feelings come to mind when you think about the process of reflecting on your story? Excitement? Hesitancy? Fear? Overwhelmed?**
- **Have you ever taken the time to reflect on your story? Why or why not?**
- **Why do you think looking back on our stories is an important step moving forward in our lives?**

## IDEA 2

**Read Luke 24:13-34**

The disciples encounter Jesus in their moment of brokenness and confusion as well as blessing and communion.

You and me, we are the 2 disciples on the road to Emmaus.

## IDEA 2

As you reflect on your story -

- **Where have you encountered Jesus in moments of brokenness?**
- **Where have you found yourself uttering the words “but I had hoped...”**
- **Where has it felt like Jesus has kept you from recognizing him?**
- **Where have you encountered Jesus in moments of blessing?**
- **Where have you experienced Jesus’ slow and gentle revelation of His presence?**
- **How has brokenness and blessing in your life been used by Jesus to bring His peace, power and presence to others stories?**

## SPIRITUAL PRACTICE

Take some time in your group to do a devotional reading of Romans 8:28-39. Have someone read these verses out loud three times with pauses to process the following prompts, individually. Then, share together as a group.

Prepare: Relax and invite Holy Spirit to guide your thinking and feeling.

1. Read the verses slowly and carefully. **What words or ideas draw my attention?**
2. Read the verses again. **How does this word/idea relate to my life today?**
3. Read the verses one final time. **What would I like to say to God in response?**

Rest: Sit and rest in God’s presence. Allow space for the words and reflections from this time to sink deeply into your soul.

Continue to encourage your group to memorize Ephesians 2:10 together over the course of this sermon series.

## NEXT STEPS

As you reflect on the sermon and your discussion today, **what do you sense God's invitation to you is? What next step is He encouraging you to take this week?**

- **Engage with the GPS assessment**
  - If you are yet to complete the GPS assessment, use the QR code below to get started
  - If you have completed the assessment, and would like to process the results with someone - meet with a GPS coach by emailing Cary at [cwood@salemalliance.org](mailto:cwood@salemalliance.org).
- **Engage with your story**
  - Ask Holy Spirit to help you zoom in on the moments that you need to revisit.
  - Ask Jesus questions like, where were you in this moment? What do you want to show me?
  - Ask Father God, to share His heart for you?
  - You may find it helpful to process these questions with a pastor or counselor
- **Ask Holy Spirit to reveal themes and patterns in your story that overlay with your gifts passions to bring peace to our city.**

