

Luke 24:13-35

That very day two of them were going to a village named Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, and they were talking with each other about all these things that had happened. While they were talking and discussing together, Jesus himself drew near and went with them. But their eyes were kept from recognizing him. And he said to them, "What is this conversation that you are holding with each other as you walk?" And they stood still, looking sad. Then one of them, named Cleopas, answered him, "Are you the only visitor to Jerusalem who does not know the things that have happened there in these days?" And he said to them, "What things?" And they said to him, "Concerning Jesus of Nazareth, a man who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, and how our chief priests and rulers delivered him up to be condemned to death, and crucified him. But we had hoped that he was the one to redeem Israel. Yes, and besides all this, it is now the third day since these things happened. Moreover, some women of our company amazed us. They were at the tomb early in the morning, and when they did not find his body, they came back saying that they had even seen a vision of angels, who said that he was alive. Some of those who were with us went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said, but him they did not see." And he said to them, "O foolish ones, and slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have spoken! Was it not necessary that the Christ should suffer these things and enter into his glory?" And beginning with Moses and all the Prophets, he interpreted to them in all the Scriptures the things concerning himself. So they drew near to the village to which they were going. He acted as if he were going farther, but they urged him strongly, saying, "Stay with us, for it is toward evening and the day is now far spent." So he went in to stay with them. When he was at table with them, he took the bread and blessed and broke it and gave it to them. And their eyes were opened, and they recognized him. And he vanished from their sight. They said to each other, "Did not our hearts burn within us while he talked to us on the road, while he opened to us the Scriptures?" And they rose that same hour and returned to Jerusalem. And they found the eleven and those who were with them gathered together, saying, "The Lord has risen indeed, and has appeared to Simon!" Then they told what had happened on the road, and how he was known to them in the breaking of the bread.



Seven Mile Road is a new church in Northeast Philadelphia. Our deep desire is to be a real and authentic **community** rooted in the **gospel** of Jesus and sent on **mission** to love and serve our city like Him. We're just starting this journey and whether you're a skeptic or seeker, religious or irreligious, believer or unbeliever, we welcome you to walk with us.



Seven Mile Road Church
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the seven mile road



winter 2010 preaching series

introduction

We just spent the first four months in the life of our new church in a preaching series called *Talks With Jesus* listening in on various conversations that Jesus had with various people throughout His life. We're going to append this series by giving an extended look at one more conversation in particular. It's a conversation in Luke 24 that Jesus has with two disciples after His resurrection.

We love that story and in a sense, everything we hope to be about and become is right here. We long for the story of the seven mile road to become the story of our church. Over the next seven weeks, we're going to see why.

Excited to walk the seven mile road with you.

Pastor Ajay Thomas



life along the seven mile road

MILE 1 :: ROAD (January 10)

The idea of a journey is an important one in the Scriptures. Spiritual life is rightly seen as a walk with God. None of us have arrived, but lets consider what it looks like to walk together.

MILE 2 :: NEED (January 17)

Confused. Sad. Disappointed. Blind. Those words not only accurately describe the men in the story, they describe us as well. We are broken people in a broken world. We long to be a people that recognize our need and encounter Jesus in the midst of it.

MILE 3 :: JESUS (January 24)

You can't read the seven mile road story and not see Jesus everywhere. He appears on the road, teaches the Scriptures, encounters their unbelief, and opens their eyes. The whole thing is centered on Him. We want our church to be the same way where it's all about Jesus.

MILE 4 :: SCRIPTURE (January 31)

Jesus unfolds the Scriptures and shows the two disciples how all of it was about Him. The Scriptures transform their hearts and ours as well. We want to read, study, preach, pray, believe, and

live the Bible. As we do, we want to see Jesus and His Gospel through it all.

MILE 5 :: COMMUNITY (February 7)

Everything that happens along the road happens in the context of community. From walking the road, to meeting Jesus, to wrestling with doubt, to hearing Scripture, to coming to faith, to going on mission – all of it happens in community. We long to be a people that walk with Jesus and do so in community.

MILE 6 :: AWAKENED (February 14)

Jesus is right next to them, and yet they can't see Him. Biblically, we're convinced that apart from God opening our eyes, we are blind to spiritual truths. Our prayer is that our eyes and the eyes of our city would be opened and our hearts set ablaze by the revelation of Jesus Christ.

MILE 7 :: MISSION (February 21)

As soon as they recognize Jesus, what's the first thing they do? They go on mission. They have to tell everyone they can about Jesus. We long for our community to respond the same way to Jesus and His Gospel!