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Devotional Presenter on Luke 24:13-35. The Walk to Emaus.

Definitions

- Embodiment: Each person's experience of being in the word with a body, and perceiving and interacting with other bodies; personhood.
- Ethics: Principles that govern a person's behavior toward creation.

Ideas

- Embodiment is theological because God made us bodies, and God came to us in the body of Jesus.
- We see a change as the two are walking along the road and meet Jesus. Jesus' presence changes how they SEE the world, which changes their ACTION in the world, which changes the world.
- Our ideas about our own embodiments, and the embodiments of others, impact our ACTION in the world.

Questions

- Do most of the people you spend time with share your body type? Consider gender, race/ethnicity, ability, size, and other factors.
 - Why do you think God created so many different types of bodies? What does society or history or common knowledge say about why so many different types of bodies exist? What overlap or contrast is there? These answers are the beginnings of a theology of embodiment.
 - If embodiment is so important, why don't we talk about it more often?
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