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Today's Scripture Passage: John 5:37-40 P 754 Pew Bible

37 And the Father who sent me has himself testified concerning me. You have never heard his voice nor seen his form, **38** nor does his word dwell in you, for you do not believe the one he sent. **39** You diligently study the Scriptures because you think that by them you possess eternal life. These are the Scriptures that testify about me, **40** yet you refuse to come to me to have life.

Our Fallen Condition: we often do not recognize the presence of God in our ordinary lives. God could be right there in front of us, and we could miss it. We can even engage in spiritual practices and still miss Him.

Questions for Reflection & Discussion

1. Jesus is the point of the Scriptures. How does this encourage you to use the Bible to walk more closely with God?
2. Can you think of an experience in the recent past where you (like the Emmaus Road disciples) missed out on the presence of God?
3. How aware are you of the possibility of meeting God during work?
4. What is it like for you when God shows up at an unexpected moment?
5. How easy is it for God to get your attention?
6. What would it look like for you to intentionally seek deeper intimacy with God?

Application Ideas

- Set an alarm every 90 minutes to remind you of your connection to Christ.
- Stop several times a day to pay attention to God. Read scripture as if Christ was there speaking it directly to you. Pray or just be with Jesus. Even if just for five minutes.
- Practice multiple quiet times (there are guides available online called the daily office to help with this). Spend time with God, not asking of Him but just being with Him.
- Take breaks during the day to connect w/ Jesus. Talk a walk with Him.
- Dedicate what you are doing to the Lord. Offer yourself to Him. Every once in a while ask yourself, "Am I living my intention to be in God's presence?" Allow God to bring you gently back into His presence.
- Develop some prayers that help you stay awake to God. Find a verse or prayer for the various aspects of your regular day (waking, driving, meetings, bedtime, etc.).