



# WALK TALK

Chattanooga-LaFayette Emmaus Community

August 2017

## Some thoughts on Reunion Groups.....

Our time is claimed by demands imposed by our families, our careers and many other important responsibilities. Often we feel that one more request of our time will push us over the edge. I don't disagree with that concern and at times have shared that same feeling.

However, one of the ways we can keep our commitment to the Walk to Emmaus and continue to be strengthened by our Weekend experience is to participate in a reunion group. Reunion groups offer support, encouragement and accountability to their participants. Viewed in this way, time spent with others in a group is not a drain, rather a process of refilling our hope and renewing of our spirit.

Bear in mind, reunion groups need not be limited to Emmaus Community members. To quote the manual, *"Do not limit who can be in group reunions to Emmaus pilgrims. Group reunions are spiritual support groups for any Christian who is a pilgrim on the journey of faith and who desires to live a life of accountable discipleship. The purpose of the group is not to talk about Emmaus but to share faith and live Christ. Sometimes a person's participation in a group reunion precedes his or her participation on a Walk. The group reunion represents a recovery and restoration of a small group dynamic for deepening discipleship in the church. This is one of Emmaus' greatest gifts to the church today. Let us not be prudish but exhibit extravagant generosity with the gifts God has given us through the Emmaus movement."*

In fact, inclusion in a reunion group may prepare someone for attendance at a Weekend. They may witness the peace and strength your weekend has brought you. Some may better understand the purpose of the Weekend, become more comfortable in the aims of the community, less apprehensive or suspicious regarding the Weekend and accept an invitation to share your experience on the mountain.

I joined a group, the Roosters, shortly after my Walk in 2003. The group was formed long before I joined with some members with the group from its beginning. Over the years, others have come for a time and, for various reasons, moved on. Gathering at 6:30 AM, I look forward to Tuesday mornings with Barry, Henry, Clifford and John (With apologies to Mitch Albon, not a bad title for a book). We have shared laughter. We have helped one another deepen the understanding of our purpose on this earth. We have comforted one another in times of sorrow, helped with one another's service projects and generally been a blessing to each other. I sincerely hope each of you is lucky enough to enjoy fellowship with a group like these men.

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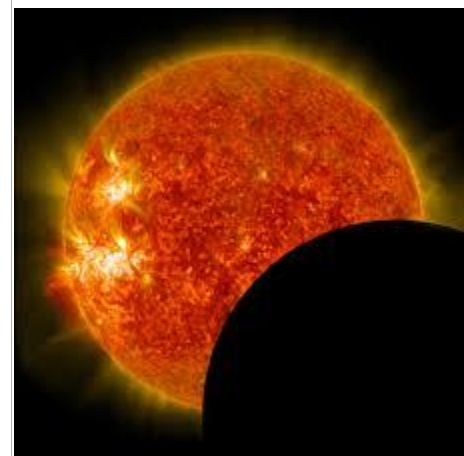
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August 14, 2017 - 6:15 PM**

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March 16-19, 2017	Men's Walk # 56	Lay Director: Keith Sands
April 20-23, 2017	Women's Walk # 67	Lay Director: Pam Foster
September 21-24, 2017	Men's Walk # 57	Lay Director: Robert Wiley
October 19-22, 2017	Women's Walk # 68	Lay Director: Glenda Peck
November 9-11, 2017	Chrysalis Flight # 47	Lay Director: Stephanie Royer

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**Meal Times for Emmaus Walks**

	<b>Breakfast</b>	<b>Lunch</b>	<b>Dinner</b>
FRIDAY	8:00	12:30	5:30
SATURDAY	8:00	12:30	6:30
SUNDAY	8:00	12:00	

**Meal Times for Chrysalis**

	<b>Breakfast</b>	<b>Lunch</b>	<b>Dinner</b>
FRIDAY	8:30	12:00	5:30
SATURDAY	8:15	11:55	6:30
SUNDAY	8:00	12:00	

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-60 Meal Agape  
-36 Conference Room Agape

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