

On the Road to Emmaus

SYNOPSIS

A special visitor joins Will at Mass on Sunday and suddenly the Mass will never be the same.

SUGGESTED USES FOR THIS VIDEO

- † Use this film to help teens understand the relevance and authenticity of the Mass; especially if non-Catholics have asked them about the validity of the Liturgy. This film can also address complaints such as, "Mass is boring. What's the point?", "Why should I go?", and "What's in it for me?"

QUESTIONS FOR DISCUSSION

1. What do you usually do during Mass?
2. When was the last time you really thought about the words you were hearing and the prayers you were praying?
3. Can you identify with Will? If so, how?
4. It's not likely that any of us will have our guardian angels visit us in the way that Will's did. What can you do to help you focus better at Mass?
5. What kind of spiritual help can you tap into so that the Mass becomes transforming for you?
6. Leaders, print this out to have for your teens as a suggestion to help them focus. It was meant to help worshippers focus when the Mass was only in Latin, however, it is still a beautiful way to focus the mind when it is prone to distraction.

"The best, simplest, and easiest way to assist at Holy Mass is that suggested by St. Leonard of Port Maurice. Divide the Mass into three parts. From the beginning to the Elevation, meditate on Our Lord's Passion; from the Elevation to Communion, on our sins and the sorrow we should feel for them; from Communion to the end, on the resolution to sin no more." –Don Bosco
7. How might your attitude toward Mass change if you were to remember the story of Emmaus and the Last Supper?
8. The last thing the Angel says to Will is, "What happens in there (the church) has to be shared out here (the world)." When you leave Mass, do you feel compelled to share the gospel? Why or why not?
9. How might REALLY paying attention to what's happening at Mass change your desire/willingness to share?
10. What empowers you **during** Mass to go out and share the gospel **after** Mass?

RELATED SCRIPTURE PASSAGES:

Focus:

Matthew 7:13-14; 24:13; 24:44;
Romans 12:2;
Luke 21:36;
Proverbs 3:1-8

Sharing the Gospel:

Matthew 28:19;
Psalms 96:3;
Isaiah 12:4;
Romans 1:16;
2 Corinthians 5:18-20

RELATED CATECHISM OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH REFERENCES:

Angels:

329-330, 333, 336

Evangelization:

904-905, 1067-1068

The Liturgy:

1067-1072