

## A WALK TO EMMAUS

A Vision of Youth Ministry captured the dynamics of ministry with adolescents through the story of the disciples on the road to Emmaus. This story became a guiding image for ministry with its emphasis on the relationship between young disciples and their Lord, a relationship characterized by presence, listening, faith sharing, and celebration. (RTV, pg 49)

**Gather**            "Open My Eyes"

**Listen**            Luke 24:13-35

**Respond**    *Take a moment to reflect on these questions, and when you're ready, find someone who you've just met during this class and share your answers with them.*

Were not our hearts burning within us while he spoke to us on the way and opened the scriptures to us? Think of a time during this specialization that your heart may have been "burning" within you. What was it that struck you at that time? What is one thing you really want to take with you and remember as you journey with young people?

### **Send Forth**

**Reader:** For the times when we feel inadequate, like our faith is not enough, help us remember that we are speaking your words, Jesus.

**All Respond:** Jesus, walk with us

**Reader:** For the times when we worry that we are not giving our candidates enough information, doctrine or pedagogy, help us to remember that only need to provide opportunities for them to encounter You, Jesus.

**All Respond:** Jesus, walk with us

**Reader:** For the times when our lesson plans come up woefully short when compared with the struggles of our candidates' daily lives, we ask you, Jesus to journey with them.

**All Respond:** Jesus, walk with us

**Reader:** When we encounter teens who wish they could be any place but in our programs and parishes, we ask You to help up provide opportunities for conversion, Lord.

**All Respond:** Jesus walk with us

**Reader:** When we are tempted to judge the candidates by their behaviors and outward appearances, help us to remember that we were once the same age, and experienced many of the same feelings our youth are experienced right now.

**All Respond:** Jesus walk with us

**Reader:** When our groups seem to be storming, and working on our last ounce of patience, help us to remember the jello principle and go with the flow, remembering that soon they will be norming.

**All Respond:** Jesus walk with us

**All:** Jesus, who walked with the disciples on the road to Emmaus, we know that you walk with us please hear our prayers and remind us to walk with our own youth, break open the word with them, and break bread with them so that they in those experiences they may see You, Jesus.

In your words we pray: Our Father....