**YM Gathering April 26, 2020 Personal Reflection:**

Part 3: **Read through the Gospel of Luke chapter 24, verses 13-35** and consider the following (you can journal about it, pray about, and/or discuss it w/ others):

* + - The disciples were so disappointed that their beloved leader died; they were going back home to the life they knew before meeting Jesus. What disappointments are you experiencing now or have experienced in your life?
		- In verse 16, Luke tells us the disciples did not recognize Jesus. When we are filled with grief, stress, anger, or other strong emotions, it’s harder to be mindful that God is with us. We encourage you to open your heart and pray this simple prayer: *“Jesus, open my heart and my eyes. Help me to recognize that you are with me. Help me to see you in others.”*  Take a few minutes to reflect on less-obvious ways that Jesus is present to you through people, challenges, and situations—in the past and/or right now.
		- In verse 27, Jesus helps them “connect the dots” between the what the prophets from the Old Testament said with what happened in the New Testament with Jesus, the Messiah! Here are just a few examples for you to review. Use Biblegateway.com (**Living Bible Translation** for the easiest to understand version) to quickly look up each short passage. Cut and paste what it says and find the connections between them!

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|  | Old Testament Prophets | New Testament Gospels |
| Where will the Messiah be born? | Micah 5:2 | Matthew 2:3-5 |
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| What will the Messiah do? | Isaiah 35:4-6 | Matthew 11:4-5 |
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| What will happen to the Messiah? | Isaiah 53:8 | John 19:16-19 |
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* In verses 30 -31, Jesus joins them for a meal, and it is in the “breaking of the bread” that they recognize him as Jesus! Consider how this entire encounter is similar to MASS!
	+ First, we hear the readings (Old Testament, Psalm, New Testament, Gospel).
	+ Next, the priest or deacon “breaks open the word” by explaining the connections and implications through the homily.
	+ Last, we share the meal of the Eucharist together!
* Have you been participating in Live-Streaming Mass at St. Jude in this time of quarantine?
	+ If so, how has your experience been?
	+ What do you like about it? What do you dislike about it?
	+ If you haven’t, please check out Mass at <https://vimeo.com/user109852270>.
* What part of the Live-Stream presentation was most helpful or insightful for you?
* Share about your experience with the zoom meeting?

*Matthew and Jenny would like to know… What would you like to see the next YM Live-Stream Gathering include? Would you like to email or text a funny meme or picture of you/your family or a creative idea of how you are coping with quarantine?*

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**For Junior High Students:** Name: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Grade: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

If you participated in the April 26th Youth Ministry Gathering and would like it to be recorded, please check one of the following:

\_\_\_\_ April JHYM Session **OR** \_\_\_\_ Make Up of a missed JHYM Session **OR** \_\_\_\_ Explore 4 (if your family did it together)

**Please answer the questions on this entire page and email it to** **ESullivan@stjudes.org****. Thanks!**