

## Where Have You seen Christ Today?

Over the years I have been in several Christian small groups. The first one I was in was organized after my Walk to Emmaus. It lasted 10 years and grew my faith tremendously. The last small group I was involved in ended last summer when we moved out of town. One of the questions we asked each other each week as we met was "Where have you seen Christ

this week?"

My initial thought was that my answer had to be special and somehow very spiritual or religious. Surely, I would see Christ at worship in the Sanctuary ... and sometimes I did. What I learned, as my faith grew and I opened my eyes and heart to Christ, was that He is everywhere all the time. I just need to open my eyes.

The most obvious place to see Christ is in nature. Every season brings new evidence of God's existence. I just saw Him two days ago when I noticed that one of the trees in the backyard has begun to change colors. What an incredible event that delights us each fall. It is amazing to watch the green leaves turn brilliant reds, yellows, oranges, and eventually brown. Then we go through the dead of winter, and just when we don't think we can take it anymore, spring arrives. The crocus peek through the hard soil. Daffodils and then my favorites, the iris, bloom with great wonder. I see Christ in all of that.

I recently was brought to tears while saying my morning prayers. Christ was right there with me. Just a few weeks ago, I had a knee replacement. I went into surgery with the knowledge that people all over Fredericksburg and Fluvanna were praying for me. I was being held by Christ. He was surely with me in those prayers.

Several months after we moved, I was walking with one of my new neighbors. She mentioned her Walk to Emmaus experience in passing. Suddenly I wasn't alone in Fluvanna. I had found my first friend in Christ. He brought us together.

School for my grandchildren is on-line right now due to COVID. I have been given the "gift" of their presence in our house for weeks now. I love watching them. They run, skip, dance, laugh, and talk with such joy and wild abandon. I see Christ in those sweet little faces every day.

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## **Scripture**:

Romans 1:20

Ephesians 6:18

Ephesians 1:3-4

Philippians 1:19

James 5:15

Matthew 28:20b

2 Corinthians 9: 13-15