



A man in a dark suit and tie stands from behind, looking out over a vast, dense crowd of yellow Minions filling the horizon under a sunset sky. He is positioned on a dark, textured surface that looks like a road or tarmac.

# THE ROAD

JUNE 15 - 20

# THE ROAD SEND-OFF SERVICE

THURSDAY, JUNE 15, 2017 - 3:25 PM

## JOURNEY TOGETHER

## PRAYER

**LEADER:** God we thank you for this journey. The journey of faith is a journey through life. We travel together, walking the same highway as our ancestors and following the

landmarks that led them. *For each person, the journey is unique and the road seems different.* Even though we follow the same path, each person is on a quest that they must follow themselves.

**YOUTH:** As youth, we promise to be authentic members of this community, opening our hearts to God. We are grateful to God for this community of support, for our prayer partners, for our adult mentors, and for our friends that we will make along the way. We will make this journey together to discover Jesus at the center of our lives, and serve as the hands and feet of Jesus to the community in Wintersville.

**ADULTS:** As adults, we promise to ask open questions, to enable our campers to discover their relationship with God as they make their way down the road. We may tell them our stories, but we may not tell them the way. This is a quest that they must follow themselves. We promise to offer them encouragement, support, and love as they make their journey.

**COMMUNITY:** We promise to support you with our love and daily prayers for the journey. Our spirits will be united with yours through the Holy Spirit and prayer as we seek to love and serve God together. Amen.

**GENESIS 28:20-22:** Jacob vowed a vow: "If God stands by me and protects me on this journey on which I'm setting out, keeps me in food and clothing, and brings me back in one piece to my father's house, this God will be my God. This stone that I have set up as a memorial pillar will mark this as a place where God lives. And everything you give me, I'll return a tenth to you."

**BLESSING FOR THE JOURNEY:** God is with you on this journey. Your life is always in motion, even when you're not aware of the direction you're headed. In a sense, we're on a road trip that spans a lifetime. Let's make this journey together to see where Jesus takes you as you join others along The Road. Amen.

# THE ROAD FROM DOUBT TO HOPE

FRIDAY, JUNE 16, 2017

That same day two of them were walking to the village Emmaus, about seven miles out of Jerusalem.

LUKE 24:13

**We have made the 325 mile journey from Emmaus to Wintersville, Ohio. Emmaus is our home, and we have left home behind to make a journey with Jesus. We've all taken a road trip to get to camp. We're here for a reason. Let's find that reason together!**

Gru, a supervillain, with the assistance of his colleague Dr. Nefario and his Minions, resolves that he will commit the biggest evil deed: shrinking and stealing the Moon. As it would be costly to shrink and steal the moon, Gru seeks a loan from the Bank of Evil. Bank president Mr. Perkins was impressed by the plan, but will provide the money only if Gru can obtain the necessary shrink ray first.



Gru and the Minions steal the shrink ray from a secret base in East Asia, but the up-and-coming supervillain, Vector, immediately steals it from Gru. Gru attempts to break into Vector's fortress to recover the shrink ray, but is defeated by numerous booby traps. However, he notices three orphan girls, Margo, Edith, and Agnes, who are able to easily walk into the base because they are selling cookies. Gru disguises himself and adopts the girls, planning on using them to infiltrate Vector's base so he can get the shrink ray back.

**What descriptive words first come to mind when you think of your place called "home"?**

**What makes your home unique, compared to what you know about your friends' homes?**

**Where are the most comfortable places in your home? What makes them feel comfortable, safe, secure?**

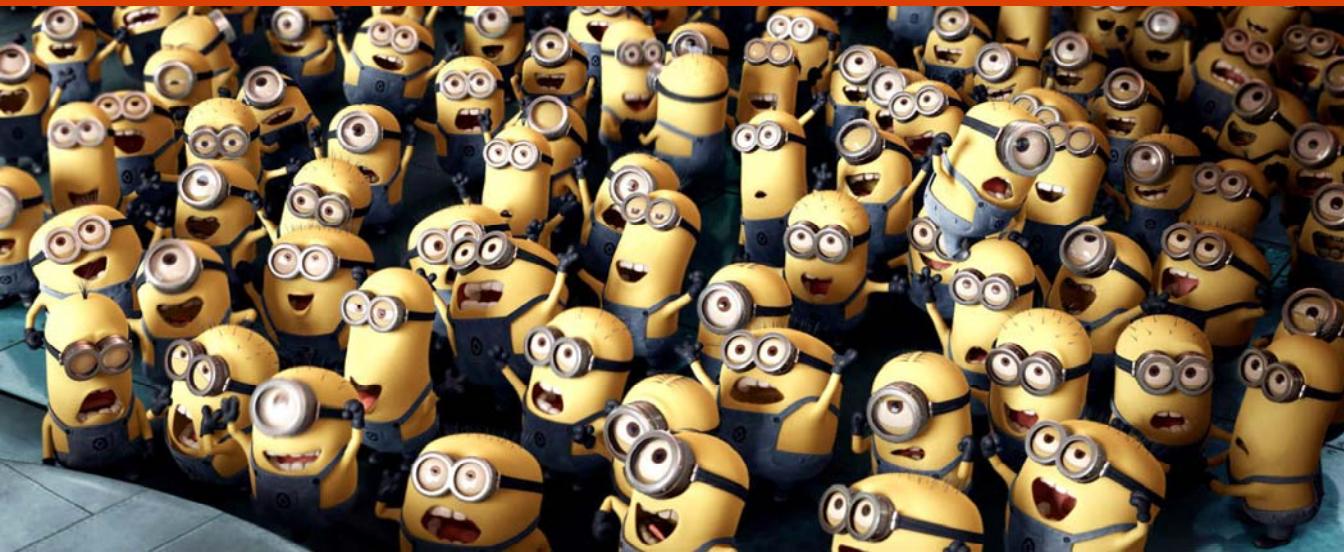
# THE ROAD FROM DOUBT TO HOPE

SATURDAY, JUNE 17, 2017

That same day two of them were walking to the village Emmaus, about seven miles out of Jerusalem. They were deep in conversation, going over all these things that had happened. In the middle of their talk and questions, Jesus came up and walked along with them. But they were not able to recognize who he was. He asked, "What's this you're discussing so intently as you walk along?" They just stood there, long-faced, like they had lost their best friend. Then

one of them, his name was Cleopas, said, "Are you the only one in Jerusalem who hasn't heard what's happened during the last few days?" He said, "What has happened?" They said, "The things that happened to Jesus the Nazarene. He was a man of God, a prophet, dynamic in work and word, blessed by both God and all the people. Then our high priests and leaders betrayed him, got him sentenced to death, and crucified him. And we had our hopes up that he was the One, the One about to deliver Israel. And it is now the third day since it happened. But now some of our women have completely confused us. Early this morning they were at the tomb and couldn't find his body. They came back with the story that they had seen a vision of angels who said he was alive. Some of our friends went off to the tomb to check and found it empty just as the women said, but they didn't see Jesus." Then he said to them, "So thick-headed! So slow-hearted! Why can't you simply believe all that the prophets said? Don't you see that these things had to happen, that the Messiah had to suffer and only then enter into his glory?" Then he started at the beginning, with the Books of Moses, and went on through all the Prophets, pointing out everything in the Scriptures that referred to him.

LUKE 24:13-27





## DESPICABLE ME

Gru has trouble nurturing the girls properly due to their rambunctiousness, their ballet classes, and his own ineptitude as a parent. Eventually, Gru and the girls arrive at Vector's fortress and Gru steals the shrink ray. The girls then suggest a day at a theme park; Gru agrees, believing he can abandon the girls there. He doesn't want to be a parent, but instead he warms up to the girls. They begin to grow on him.

Later, Gru contacts Mr. Perkins via video chat, stating that he finally has the shrink ray. Margo, Edith, and Agnes interrupt the meeting, and Perkins announces that he has lost confidence in Gru and will no longer fund his operations. As Gru tells the Minions he can no longer pay them for their services, the girls offer the contents of their piggy bank. Gru, inspired, sells parts of his lair to construct a spacecraft.

Sometimes the unexpected events along the road create disappointment. Our

disappointment can lead to doubt, especially when Jesus doesn't seem to be doing what we expect him to do. Jesus walks through our doubt with us, working with us to resolve our doubt. Even when we don't see him clearly. Jesus was saying to the travelers "Don't you understand the story?" Hope comes from Jesus revealing himself at just the right time.

## LIGHT BULB

If you made your home with Jesus on the road, what fears or insecurities would you have to overcome? What do you hope to discover?

What happens when Jesus appears on your road to bring meaning to your story?

Have you had an experience that moved you from doubt to hope?

# THE ROAD FROM HOPE TO JOY

SUNDAY, JUNE 18, 2017

They didn't waste a minute. They were up and on their way back to Jerusalem. They found the Eleven and their friends gathered together, talking away: "It's really happened! The Master has been raised up—Simon saw him!" Then the two went over everything that happened on the road and how they recognized him when he broke the bread. While they were saying all this, Jesus appeared to them and said, "Peace be with you." They thought they were seeing a

ghost and were scared half to death. He continued with them, "Don't be upset, and don't let all these doubting questions take over. Look at my hands; look at my feet—it's really me. Touch me. Look me over from head to toe. A ghost doesn't have muscle and bone like this." As he said this, he showed them his hands and feet. They still couldn't believe what they were seeing. It was too much; it seemed too good to be true. He asked, "Do you have any food here?" They gave him a piece of leftover fish they had cooked. He took it and ate it right before their eyes. Then he said, "Everything I told you while I was with you comes to this: All the things written about me in the Law of Moses, in the Prophets, and in the Psalms have to be fulfilled."

He went on to open their understanding of the Word of God, showing them how to read their Bibles this way. He said, "You can see now how it is written that the Messiah suffers, rises from the dead on the third day, and then a total life-change through the forgiveness of sins is proclaimed in his name to all nations—starting from here, from Jerusalem! You're the first to hear and see it. You're the witnesses.

LUKE 24:36-48

## THE LEGEND OF EL MACHO

The Anti-Villain League (AVL), headed by Silas Ramsbottom, tries to recruit former supervillain Gru, but Gru refuses, claiming that he is now a legitimate businessman as well as the devoted father of Margo, Edith, and Agnes. Dr. Nefario, Gru's friend and assistant, "misses being evil" and leaves Gru for new employment. Gru reluctantly agrees to work for the AVL, and is partnered with undercover AVL agent Lucy Wilde.

The pair begin their work in the Paradise Shopping Mall, disguised as bakery employees. Gru immediately comes to suspect Mexican restaurant owner, Eduardo Pérez, of being the infamous "El Macho", a legendary supervillain who supposedly died after riding a shark into the center of an active volcano with dynamite strapped to his chest. Gru and Lucy break into Eduardo's restaurant at night, but find no proof. Meanwhile, Agnes, confiding in her dream to one day



have a mother, believes that Gru will fall in love with Lucy, though Gru states that his relationship with Lucy is professional.

Although holding Eduardo as his chief suspect, Gru agrees to pursue others, including wig merchant Floyd Eagle-san. After witnessing Eduardo's two-timing son, Antonio, woo Margo and invite everyone to his Cinco de Mayo party, Gru renews his focus on Eduardo. He is then set up on a dinner date with a vacuous woman named Shannon. The date goes horribly, and Shannon is about to humiliate Gru after she spots his wig, until Lucy, visiting the restaurant herself, saves Gru and renders Shannon unconscious with a tranquilizer gun. While they take Shannon home, Gru and Lucy spend personal time together, and Gru falls in love with her, proving Agnes right.

Jesus is real! He proved he was real to the travelers, he wasn't just imaginary. Joy comes from knowing the real Jesus. Notice what has happened here, on Easter evening. The mission of the apostles begins not with a visit to a tomb that's empty, but to a table full of food, broiled fish, and conversation. Through faith community, we search to make God's love and our compassion real as we journey through life together. But this doesn't happen by just sitting around the dinner table. We have to get up, clean off the table, and begin doing the dirty work of washing and cleaning the dishes. We have taken this step here at work camp. Our faith isn't an empty faith that consists of following a simple set of rules. Our faith is a full faith when we are following Jesus' commandments to get up and go and practice the gratitude and generosity of loving God and loving one another.

## LIGHT BULB

**During your day, was there a moment when you discovered love on your journey?**

**How have you been able to practice gratitude during your day?**

**Have you shared love, or has someone else shown you love as you have been working with your crew and resident?**

# THE ROAD FROM JOY TO HOME

## IT'S OUR TIME

The AVL arrest Eagle-san after finding an almost-empty jar of the mutagen in his shop, and the investigation is closed by Ramsbottom. Lucy is reassigned to Australia, but gives Gru her lipstick Taser as a gift before leaving. A heartbroken Gru, having lacked the courage to ask Lucy out on a date, instead takes his girls to the Cinco de Mayo party. While there, he follows Eduardo and discovers a secret musical steps-activated elevator, where he finally finds proof that Eduardo is El Macho.

On her flight, Lucy, realizing that she has also fallen in love with Gru, jumps out of the plane and hangs glides down to the party. Gru discovers that Macho and his partner, Nefario, have been abducting Gru's Minions and using the stolen PX-41 serum to mutate them into violet, savage and hairy "Evil Minions". Macho plans to launch rockets full of the mutated Minions into major cities in order to achieve world domination. He gives Gru the chance to team up with him, but Gru walks away.

Macho captures Lucy after Pollito,

MONDAY, JUNE 19, 2017

What comes next is very important: I am sending what my Father promised to you, so stay here in the city until he arrives, until you're equipped with power from on high.

LUKE 24:49

**The disciples, thrilled by their meal with Jesus, took the road back home to Jerusalem. They were like new people. Inspired by Jesus. Going with the Holy Spirit. That's the road home for us as well!**

Macho's pet chicken, retrieves her AVL ID badge from her purse. Nefario rejoins Gru, who fakes being captured with two other minions to help him rescue Lucy. Fighting alongside his daughters and Nefario, Gru and his team return the Minions to their normal, friendly, yellow state using jelly containing a powerful antidote that was created by Nefario. Macho then takes the mutagen himself and turns into a giant violet-haired monster, but Gru and Nefario defeat him using Lucy's lipstick Taser and a fart gun.

Gru finds Lucy strapped to a TNT-loaded shark rocket and starts to untie her, but Pollito launches the rocket, sending it flying towards the same volcano where Macho previously faked his death. Lucy accepts Gru's invitation for a date, and the pair dive into the ocean seconds before the rocket enters the volcano and violently explodes. After a comical 147 dates, Gru and Lucy get married, and Margo, Edith and Agnes finally have someone close to a mother.

With every breath and every moment, we are called by God to embrace a mission of love. In partnership with God and one



another, we see the needs around us. We cannot wait. When an opportunity opens for us to reach out to others in grace, seize the moment. It is amazing, because when you do, it is empowering. You sense the presence of God working in your encounter. It may be as simple as holding the door for your resident, or it may be more intentional, like your choice to come to workcamp. Or, maybe you are considering something new like delivering Meals on Wheels as a volunteer this summer. God may be leading you in small ways or big ways. This does not mean you have to save the world; Jesus has already done that. We are new people filled with the Holy Spirit. Answer the call and continue your journey. Now is our time. Now is our time to open our hearts and extend our hands to carry the good news of Christ's love to all the world.

## LIGHT BULB

**How is Jesus proving to you that he's real?**

**How does it feel when you make a deep connection with another person?**

**Do you sense God reaching out to make this connection with you?**

**How will you take home this experience? How has it changed you?**





# WINTERSVILLE, OHIO

Faith Presbyterian Church is proud to be celebrating their 26th anniversary with Group Publishing's summer workcamp program. The primary goal is the spiritual growth of high school and college-aged students. Workcamps are an intensive week of community service offering teenagers an opportunity to perform hands-on home repair projects for low income families. Projects include carpentry, roof repair, step and porch construction, weatherization, wheelchair ramp construction, painting, and drywall work.

As the campers serve, their confidence and character can grow like never before. Their faith ignites as they complete hands-on, meaningful work that really counts, and

they discover a genuine appreciation for all God has given them. Some residents must choose between putting food on the table and fixing a leaky roof. The real repairs, however, are done not to the homes, but to lives of of the campers and those they touch.

This year, we head to Wintersville, Ohio. Steel, it built America. From locomotives to automobiles to skyscrapers. And in this region along the mighty Ohio River, the steel mills roared into life to meet the demand. Then came the collapse of the 1980's. Demand crashed. One by one the mills closed, and the area began an agonizing 30-year economic decline. Those who could left the area. Those who couldn't stayed behind. The result is an area with aged people, aged infrastructure, and little help for the future.

The theme for this year's workcamp was **The Road**. This booklet has guided us through the primary scriptural focus of this summer's workcamp. We hope God's word has spoken to you just as it has to us.

**THANK YOU FOR  
MAKING  
A  
DIFFERENCE!**



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Faith Workcamps is thrilled to be attending its 26th camp this year in Wintersville, OH! Be sure to stay up-to-date with all of the workcamp happenings by checking out our daily video blog, photos, and twitter feed at [FaithWorkcamps.com](http://FaithWorkcamps.com). We'd love to hear from you, so please feel free to leave us a comment on the blogs or reply to us via Facebook or Twitter. We look forward to sharing our experiences with you both online and after we return!

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