

LEA Weekly Devotion

Eyes, Minds & Hearts series for 2019

Week of January 6, 2019

[A little eye – mind—and heart music](#)

Read this first: [Luke 24:28–35](#)

Make Sense?

“When Jesus talked to us on the road, it felt like a fire burning in us. It was exciting when he explained the true meaning of the Scriptures” (Luke 24:32).

Eyes, mind, and heart. Remember when your parents tried to stifle your enthusiastic use of them in church? Rambunctious bursts from your senses were senseless to them!

Today’s reading plays a foundational role in the convocation’s theme. The developing disciples saw a stranger, but their minds and hearts were too clouded and confused to recognize Him. And when they did, He disappeared. Perhaps they got a whiff of the oils bestowed on Him when He was dead. Then there was the fresh bread blessed by the Bread of Life Himself. And so spiritually spicy were His revelations, that they developed a case of heavenly heartburn. Perhaps they wished they had held Him before He disappeared, wanting to satisfy more of their senses that what they witnessed was really happening.

Eyes, minds, and hearts, good as it is as a convocation theme, really is insufficient in celebrating a sensational God whom, we confess, gave us body, and soul, eyes, ears, and all senses and “still preserves them.” (This is most certainly true.) Make sense?

No, it doesn’t.

It doesn’t make sense that our perfect God would equip us with tools to know and proclaim Him, and then forgives us when those tools rust from disuse or degenerate in misuse. God created and maintains our senses, but they remain subject to sin. Make sense? Sad sense.

At times like this, God sends the Word to us, in writing rather than on foot, revealing His forgiveness and feeding us with His Holy Meal. Perhaps you too have found your heart on fire seeing for yourself the Savior at work, and, by faith, comprehending what He did for you.

Eyes, minds, and hearts. May yours enthusiastically serve God and your students. Maybe even get a bit rambunctious! Make sense?

Questions for Reflection:

- Recall a time when God's Word gave you a case of heavenly heartburn.
- How do you go about revealing the wonders of God to your classes?
- What are the best things your eyes, minds, and hearts have perceived in the last few days?

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Now to him who is able to keep you from stumbling and to present you blameless before the presence of his glory with great joy, to the only God, our Savior, through Jesus Christ our Lord, be glory, majesty, dominion, and authority, before all time and now and forever. Amen. (Jude 24–25)