

# Companion Worksheets: Session 3

## *Walking Together with Jesus*

### Introduction

This third session of the Encounter process goes deeper into the meaning of Christian accompaniment. It emphasizes the importance of walking with Jesus to feel his friendship, listen to his word, and understand our lives in light of his promises of full and eternal life. Walking with Jesus leads us to say to him at the end of the journey: “Stay with us.” (p. 24)

### Scripture Reading: Luke 24: 25-29

And he said to them, “Oh, how foolish you are! How slow of heart to believe all that the prophets spoke! Was it not necessary that the Messiah should suffer these things and enter into his glory?” Then beginning with Moses and all the prophets, he interpreted to them what referred to him in all the scriptures. As they approached the village to which they were going, he gave the impression that he was going on farther. But they urged him, “Stay with us, for it is nearly evening and the day is almost over.” So he went in to stay with them.

### See

Recall those people who have accompanied you in your life as role models or mentors.

- What did you find most meaningful about their presence?
- What inspiration can you pull from their example when you reach out to others?
- Why is it important to practice hospitality as a missionary disciple?

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## Judge

God accompanies us. God walks with us every day, in joyful moments and in difficult ones...Jesus Christ, the Son of God, clearly revealed to us that it is especially during difficult moments that God is with us (p. 26-27)

- Consider a time in your life when you felt isolated or abandoned. How does God's presence bring healing to difficult situations?
- Mary is the model of accompaniment because she "recognizes traces of God's Spirit in events great and small" (p. 27). How can you more readily recognize God's Spirit in brokenness and accompany those who are searching for more in their lives?

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## Act

As Pope Francis reminds us, when we accompany others in their struggles, at an appropriate moment, the Spirit will prompt us to share with them this Gospel announcement. (p. 29)

- What type of change (or pastoral conversion) needs to happen so that we, as a Church, may accompany all Catholics more fully in their faith experience?

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## Missionary Action

Pope Francis, in a message on the importance of the family given in 2019, says, "A home is a domestic Church in which to experience communion and offer the example of worship, of a life lived in faith, hope and charity." The family, as the domestic church, can be a source of the experience of accompaniment. Reach out to a family for your missionary action. This could be your own family or another family in the community. As you discern accompaniment, how do you understand Pope Francis's words above?

During the check-in, share an experience in which God accompanied you during a difficult time in your life. Identify what gift God gave you to overcome this situation-such as wisdom, understanding, counsel, fortitude, knowledge, piety, and fear of God. Your sharing should last no more than 10-15 minutes.

Use the questions below to assist in the conversation:

- How has God accompanied you during challenging times in your life? How does the family exemplify this accompaniment?
- Has the Catholic Church helped you face difficult situations? If yes, how?
- What can the Catholic Church do to welcome you and accompany you in your life? What gifts and talents do you bring to help the Catholic Church?