

# Themes Across The Days

The first talk of each day focuses on the decisions we need to make.

PRIORITY	What will I do with my life?
GROWTH THROUGH STUDY	On what or whom will I base my life?
CHANGING OUR WORLD	What difference do I want to make in this world?

The second talk focuses on the theme of that day.

PREVENIENT GRACE	God's grace envelops us.
MEANS OF GRACE	Ways I receive and I live in grace.
SANCTIFYING GRACE	Ways I can grow toward holiness and embody grace.

The third talk focuses on the ways Christians serve.

PRIESTHOOD OF ALL BELIEVERS	Sharing grace with others.
CHRISTIAN ACTION	Sharing Christ with others.
BODY OF CHRIST	Sharing with all members of the Christian community in the ministry and mission of Christ

The fourth talk focuses on individual responses to the themes.

JUSTIFYING GRACE	How do you respond to God's grace? (I accept)
OBSTACLES TO GRACE	How do you respond to impediments to a life of grace? (Sometimes I stand, sometimes I fall; always I take up the cross)
PERSEVERANCE	What will you do to continue living in grace? (Participate regularly in Group Reunions, Gatherings, the local church and global missions)

The fifth talk focuses on our lifestyle.

PEITY	Living a life of devotion of God.
DISCIPLESHIP	Committing to being Christ in the Church and world.
FOURTH DAY	Persevering in grace.

# Three-Day Overview

Day 1	Day 2	Day 3
<p><i>God</i> Proclamation/Call Divine Invitation</p>	<p><i>The Lord Jesus Christ</i> Conversation Our Response</p>	<p><i>The Holy Spirit</i> Consecration Christian Life in Mission</p>
<p><b>Morning Meditation: The Loving Father (Prodigal Son)</b> God loves us unconditionally and longs for our return.</p>	<p><b>Morning Meditation: Four Responses to Christ</b> In view of these, how will we respond to Christ?</p>	<p><b>Morning Meditation: Humanness of Jesus</b> God uses our humanness to touch this world with grace.</p>
<p><b>Priority</b> Human beings are shaped by a unique capacity to make decisions about their priorities. What is your priority?</p>	<p><b>Grow Through Study</b> New life in Christ involves growing through study of scripture, tradition, and our world (giving our mind to God).</p>	<p><b>Changing Our World</b> Disciples will transform their environments by being a Christian presence in the four fields of ministry</p>
<p><b>Prevenient Grace</b> God's love searches us out, seeks to redeem humanity, and wants to give us a life in grace.</p>	<p><b>Means of Grace</b> This new life in Christ is made real by means of sacraments and other sacred moments in which we celebrate Christ's overcoming death in our lives.</p>	<p><b>Sanctifying Grace</b> Disciples continue to grow in the grace of Christ through obedience to the Holy Spirit in the disciples of prayer and service.</p>
<p><b>Priesthood of All Believers</b> God's love is shared by Christians called to be the church — to be priests to one another, a channel of grace between God and people.</p>	<p><b>Christian Action</b> This new life is expressed by sharing Christ as a friend with friends — giving one's hands and feet to God, both in the church, and in the world.</p>	<p><b>Body of Christ</b> Disciples are called together to be the body of Christ, joining their gifts for ministry and mission to "the least of these."</p>
<p><b>Justifying Grace</b> By God's grace, we are accepted and set right with God in Jesus Christ. New life in Christ comes when we say yes to God's offer of grace.</p>	<p><b>Obstacles to Grace</b> This new life is not free from obstacles of sin, but grace and discipline enable us to overcome obstacles and grow through them.</p>	<p><b>Perseverance</b> Disciples of Jesus cannot make it alone but can persevere with strength from the Spirit through mutual support and accountability in Group Reunions.</p>
<p><b>Life of Piety</b> This new life is rooted in a living relationship with God, sustained by grace through spiritual disciplines — giving one's heart to God.</p>	<p><b>Discipleship</b> This new life is discipleship, life lived in grace, following in Jesus' footsteps, growing in his likeness — giving heart, head and hands to God.</p>	<p><b>Fourth Day</b> The 3 days are over, but Day Four begins. This is Emmaus's purpose: a lifetime of discipleship, bringing new life to our churches and conveying grace where we live.</p>
<p><b>Day 1</b> Is about God's gracious offer to us of a relationship and of a new life centered in Jesus Christ.</p>	<p><b>Day 2</b> Is about Christ as model for our response to that gracious offer and our living in grace as disciples through practicing the means of grace.</p>	<p><b>Day 3</b> Is about the Holy Spirit's strategy for bringing new life and transformation to our world through us and our ongoing participation in that mission as the church.</p>