



The Lead Role

Then beginning with Moses and all the Prophets, He interpreted for them the things concerning Himself in all the Scriptures. ~ Luke 24:27


Discover the Context

Luke 24:13-53

 In what ways do you think you might be tempted to usurp the lead role this summer? What desires need to change to give Christ the lead role? What attitudes will you need to manifest so that attention is drawn to Him and not to yourself? What sacrifices will you need to make to give Him the lead role?

 “Because Christ is the fixed point of reference for theology, we are concerned with how the text relates to Christ and how we relate to Christ.”

~ Graeme Goldsworthy
According to Plan

 On one of the pages at the back of this book write out how you purpose to serve others, to volunteer to do the undesired jobs, and to work behind the scenes. Write out what you can think and say to transfer the glory to God when you get praised for something.

What’s your role this summer? Are you a counselor, lifeguard, cook, maintenance crew, office clerk, support staff, or a director? Maybe you’re still wating with anticipation for your big assignment. Whatever role you will be called upon to fill, one thing is certain—your task will always be to draw attention to the lead role.

The lead role, of course, is not yourself. Nor is it your supervisor or the camp director. The lead role is Jesus Christ. To be a Christian is to acknowledge this and to go about the stuff of daily life in a way that intends to accent the lead role. It’s not about you or me. This summer is not about coming up with cool games or getting noticed for a job well done. This life is not about receiving praise from others, accomplishing a task list, or building tight relationships. It’s all about Jesus Christ. If you are a follower of Christ, the purpose of your life is to shine the spotlight on Him.

He is the message of the Bible. This is what Jesus attempted to explain to the two disciples travelling from Jerusalem to Emmaus shortly after Jesus was crucified and His body had mysteriously disappeared. The truth is He was crucified exactly as the Prophets had predicted, and He had risen from the dead according to the Scriptures. The Old Testament pointed forward to Him. The New Testament is the explanation of His life and message. Every passage of Scripture has no meaning apart from Jesus Christ and is divinely inspired for the purpose of drawing us to Christ. Everything in the Bible is about Him.

A summary of the Bible would look something like this: God is holy, sovereign, and good. Man is sinful, finite, and self-centered, and therefore cannot relate to God as He intended. But in His goodness, He sent His Son to die on the cross for our sins so that we can be reconciled to Him.

A new life in Christ proclaims the lead role. Let’s do it! [JCR]