

Resource List

Leading with Hope in a Season of Change; Walking the Road Together Rev. Dr. Dawn Alitz, Luther Seminary's Faith+Lead

As Christian leaders, our preaching and teaching centers around a message of hope and resurrection. There are times, however, when it seems difficult to walk this road ourselves, let alone walking it with others. Over these sessions, we'll spend some time in the text of the Road to Emmaus; exploring how questions and coaching can accompany us as leaders and equip us for walking with our people more deeply.

Below I've shared the general outline for our sessions, and some resources you can explore if you are more interested in learning more. All of these resources are fairly short and easy to obtain; I have included links to Amazon and/or their preferred distributor. If you would like to reach out to me with any questions or further conversations, please email me at dalitz002@luthersem.edu.

Session 1 (October 2, 2:45-4:10): **What are you discussing with each other?** Exploring what it means to process the past few years

- Age of Association and Age of Authenticity
For further reading on this topic, I recommend Ted Smith's book [The End of Theological Education](#).
- In learning how Covid is affecting churches: [Back to Normal? The Mixed Messages of Congregational Recovery Coming Out of the Pandemic](#)

Session 2 (October 3, 9:00-10:25): **We had hoped . . .** Using coaching to process grief processes

- Coaching Through Grief
For more information on this topic, please see the work of Don Eisenhauer at [Coaching at the End of Life](#), and his book [Coach Yourself Through Grief](#).
- [Fisher Process of Transition](#)
- Longings and Losses

Session 3 (October 3, 11:00-12:25): **Were not our hearts burning within us?** Learning where people have been experiencing Jesus.

- What does it look like to return/shift to being a theological leader?
- Asking God questions rather than church questions
 - Work from my colleagues at Luther Seminary [Leading Faithful Innovation: Following God into a Hopeful Future](#) and [Faithful Innovation Leader Companion](#).
 - Also see [Being Missional in Times of Crisis: Leadership, Ministry and Church Insights](#) by Augusto Rodríguez.
- What is your why? Here's the link to the [Michael Jr. video](#) I used in the presentation.
- [Clip from The Chosen](#)

Session 4 (October 4, 8:30 - 9:55): **Faithful Innovation:** Taking a closer look at the basic skills in coaching for ministry and self-care.

- Shifting from knowing all of the answers to inviting others into ministry