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**Can you remember?**

***We light this candle as a symbol of Christ's presence, and we have the open Bible to remind us that all talks are based on Scripture...***

***If you're taking the time to read this, take the time to remember...go back to your pilgrim walk and try to remember. Remember the music and the talks; remember the Christian Community that was formed; remember who you were, and now think about who you are.***

***I was recently watching an introduction to a video (The Truth Project), and the leader quoted Isaiah 6 – when Isaiah found himself gazing upon the face of God:***

**5** "Woe to me!" I cried. "I am ruined! For I am a man of unclean lips, and I live among a people of unclean lips, and my eyes have seen the King, the LORD Almighty."

**6** Then one of the seraphs flew to me with a live coal in his hand, which he had taken with tongs from the altar. **7** With it he touched my mouth and said, "See, this has touched your lips; your guilt is taken away and your sin atoned for."

**8** Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, "Whom shall I send? And who will go for us?" And I said, "Here am I. Send me!"

***The leader went on to say that three things happen to us when we gaze upon the face of God.***

***-It exposes us for who we are (I am Undone! For I am a man of unclean lips)***

***-It exposes our society and culture (I live among a people of unclean lips)***

***-It turns us into a world changer (And I said, "Here am I. Send me!")***

***Can you remember? Can you see it? I'm undone. I am ruined. Can you remember the seraph and the live coal that touched your lips...your guilt is taken away.***

***Do you remember standing at closing? A world changer – send me! Who will I sponsor!!!***

***When did you last feel like a world changer? When did you last sponsor someone for a walk?***

***The reason I ask? Because I fear that as a community, we are "forgetting". Walk sponsorship is down, gathering attendance is down – we even struggle to find facilities and buses.***

***I believe the reason Kingsport is this wonderful place to live has little to do with Eastman and has little to do with the surrounding mountains. Kingsport was created with Christ as the center, surrounded by a circle of his churches, and surrounded by a circle of his disciples.***

***God has blessed our city and this SONrise Emmaus community is a part of that blessing.***

***Do not forget! Remember who you are, remember the broken society we live in, and remember your calling. And remember to sponsor someone for the upcoming spring walks!!!***  
**DeColores! Matt**