

Faith Sharing on Next Sunday's Gospel

September 5, 2010 – Demands of Discipleship

Take 10 minutes to share your faith with your family or friends, at the beginning of Parish Committee meetings, etc.

Opening Prayer:

Leader: You shall cross the barren desert, but you shall not die of thirst. She shall wander far in safety though you do not know the way. You shall speak your words in foreign lands and ll will understand. You shall see the face of God and live.

All: Be not afraid. I go before you always. Come, follow me, and I will give you rest.

Leader: If you pass through raging waters in the seas, you shall not drown. If you walk amid the burning flames, you shall not be harmed. If you stand before the power of hell and death is at your side, know that I am with you through it all.

All: Be not afraid. I go before you always. Come, follow me, and I will give you rest.

Leader: Blessed are your poor, for the kingdom shall be theirs. Blest are you that weep and mourn, for one day you shall laugh. And if wicked men insult and hate you all because of me, blessed are you!

All: Be not afraid. I go before you always. Come, follow me, and I will give you rest.

(Gather Hymnal, Be Not Afraid)

Proclaim the Gospel:

Luke 14:25-33 (**Sayings on Discipleship**)

(Other readings: Wisdom 9:13-18; Philemon 9-10, 12-17)

Invitation to Share:

Christianity is costly; it may cost the relationships of people close to us. Our cross may require tough decisions. Does my need for strong family/friendship ties conflict with my Christian convictions? In what concrete ways does this Gospel invite me to carry the cross?

(adapted from PrayerTime, Cycle C)

Ending Prayer:

O God of all creation. You invite all human beings into a deep and personal relationship. You insist that we shall have no other gods before You. Help us as we seek to place You first in our lives. Send Your Spirit to strengthen us as we strive to embrace the cross, and fill us with the wisdom we need to resist the attachments of this world. Alone we can do nothing; with You all things are possible. We ask this prayer through the power of Jesus' name. Amen *(adapted from PrayerTime, Cycle C)*

If you would like to learn more about faith sharing opportunities or resources, contact Julie Allington – 838-8324