

Christian Discipleship & Stewardship – A Reflection & Discernment Exercise

Beginning with the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity

St. Gabriel Parish – Disciples and Stewards – Winter – Weeks 1 & 2 – Time & Talent

Called by Jesus Christ to Follow Him

Underline the words that catch how the Lord has been making Himself known to you or moving you.

“And to another He said, ‘Follow me.’” **Lk 9:59** “Come to me, all you who labor and are burdened, and I will give you rest.” **Mt 11:28** “Neither do I condemn you. Go; from now on do not sin anymore.” **John 8:11** “As you go, make this proclamation: ‘The kingdom of heaven is at hand.’” **Mt 10:7** “Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.” **Mt 28:19** “My Father is glorified when you become my disciples; that is, when you bear much fruit.” **Jn 15:8** “That they may all be one... that the world may believe.” **John 17:21**

Jesus is the Way – leading us into hope; the Truth – lighting up our confusion; and the Life – restoring our joy through loving forgiveness of our sins. **Jn 14:6** “If anyone loves me, he will keep my word and my Father will love him; and we will come to him and make our **home** with him.” **Jn 14:23** Jesus **forgives sins** **Mk 2:5** and **judges** the world by how we treat our neighbour. **Mt 25:31-46**

He is the **Messiah** and the **Son** of God, **Mk 14:61-62** and **God** the Son. **Jn 8:58** When we **open** the door to Him, He has **supper with us**. **Rev 3:20** His **teaching** describes what He is like **himself**, and what **He calls us to become**: **Mt 5-7** His works manifested the **power** of God **Jn 10:37-38** and He promised that, since they believe in Him, his **disciples will do the same** and even greater works. **Jn 14:12**

Jesus fulfilled what God foretold by the prophets. He conquered death for all who believe, He continues to **love, care for, and lead us**, and the **outpouring of the Holy Spirit** is Jesus’ greatest work with his Father, and it draws us into a **life very much like his own**. It is this life which makes up the Church – the **living Assembly** of all who believe in Him and follow Him. **Heb. 10:25**

Taking an Inventory of my Discipleship

1. I pray (visit with God): on occasion often every day all the time
Describe how/what you pray: _____
2. I listen to God by reading his Word (in the Bible): rarely occasionally weekly daily
3. I accept Jesus as my Lord and Savior I need to do that I will see _____ about this.
4. I fulfill my obligations of love to my family: rarely occasionally often daily
5. I confess my sins to receive Jesus’ forgiveness (frequency): _____
 I need to I will ask for humility, trust in God, or other grace to accept to go to confession.
6. I offer the Lord my worship, adoration, and praise; and receive Holy Communion:
 occasionally twice/month every Sunday also weekdays
7. I humbly bind myself with loyalty – by faith and obedience to Christ – to our Church’s teachings:
 no when it suits me yes, always and in all things I need to see someone about this.
8. I call on God’s power for others: rarely occasionally often daily
9. I share my time and talents: rarely occasionally weekly daily
10. I go out from church determined to proclaim the Good News with my life and my words to others out in the world, especially those who don’t know God: rarely occasionally often always