



Catechesis At Home – To Whom Shall I Go? Making God The Priority.

Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time– Year B

DISCUSSION – Making God The Priority By Asking the Tough Question

Joshua said, “As for me and my household, we will serve the Lord.” In the Gospel Peter echoes this sentiment when he says, “To whom shall we go? You have the words of everlasting life.”

Both Joshua and Peter are answering the tough question of life priorities. To whom do we go? Do we place other “gods” before the Lord? Is our life given in service to the Lord, the Bread of Life? How do we serve Him? In what ways does our life point to Jesus?

For those of us who are married, does our marriage mirror Christ and the Church? Do we love and serve one another as Christ loves the Church and the Church serves Christ? (This is the true meaning of “submission” – putting one’s own mission under or in-line with [“sub”] another’s mission.) Is our marriage helping to prepare our children for marriage? Does it witness to a life-long covenant? Is our marriage life-affirming and life-giving?

In the single life, does how we live that life witness to that vocation set before us? Do we offer our life to Christ as He offers His to us? Single people have some similar and many different commitments than a married person, and those commitments can be just as life-giving to others - if we choose.

Because God loves us, Jesus opened for us the gates to eternal life through His sacrifice on the Cross and His Resurrection. Because God loves us, in the Eucharist He gives us the ability to be conformed to the Trinity. That makes it possible for our souls to be healed and strengthens us to serve Him here on earth so we can live with Him eternally in heaven.

ACTIVITY – Making God The Priority By Answering the Tough Question

This week let’s take time to look at our priorities. Make a list of your normal weekly activities and next to each activity write approximately how long you spend doing those things. Re-write the list from greatest amount of time to least amount of time.

Service to God – prayer, worship, service to others in His name – should be number one. Service to others may take the form of serving our family through work, housekeeping, cooking, educating, etc. If you work for a living, do you offer that as a sacrifice back to God for the care of your family or others? Is our recreation life-giving or life-affirming? Or is it detrimental or even sinful?

How is God calling us to change? Do our priorities or schedule need re-arranging to align with God’s will?

FOLLOW-UP ACTIVITY – Jesus Helps Us By Making God The Priority

Jesus is waiting for us in the Eucharist. He has given EVERYTHING He has and is to YOU! Run to Him and place your “everything” in His hands. Offer yourself to Him, as you receive Him in Holy Communion so

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He can be your priority and you “can do all things through Christ who strengthens me!” (Philippians 4:13)

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Come join us!

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