

You've Got the Time

Reflection Questions

Each question corresponds with the reading of the day for 40 days.

Week One

1. Matthew 1-7

According to the Sermon on the Mount, Jesus described some of the qualities of being disciple. The Apostles Peter, Andrew, James and John responded to Jesus' call. In what ways do you respond to Jesus' call today?

2. Matthew 8-12

This section of scripture draws together different miracle stories to form a portrait of Jesus the miracle worker, healer. With which story do you most identify? Why?

3. Matthew 13-18

Jesus used different methods to convey his message of the present reality of God's kingdom. He used a unique form of telling in the parables. The parable of the sower suggests different kinds of soil. How can you cultivate your own soil so that the seed of God's word can grow in you?

4. Matthew 19-24

One of the Pharisees [a scholar of the law] tested Jesus by asking, 'Teacher, which commandment in the law is the greatest?' What does it mean to you to love God with your whole heart, soul, and mind? What do you do to demonstrate that love?

5. Matthew 25-28

Jesus told his disciples the parable of the talents. In what ways have you put your talents to work? With which of three servants do you identify the most? Why?

6. Mark 1-6

Throughout these five chapters Mark showed Jesus as being very active in reaching out to those around him who were hurting or marginalized. He freed those who were bound in any way. He was of and with the common people. Yet this same Jesus of community is pictured in Mark 1:35 as going off "very early, before dawn" to pray alone. In your own life, how do you find a balance between the activity that comes with living your particular vocation and the need for quiet prayerful reflection?

7. Mark 7-11

The disciples showed how easy it is to get caught up in the wonderful things that come from being with Jesus and seeing all things transfigured by the light of grace in a way that can lead to grandiosity. Yet Jesus reminds us that his way is the way of humility, the way of children, and the way of the cross. In your own life, how do you keep yourself in touch with the costs of discipleship and maintain an attitude of humble and willing service?