

You've Got the Time

Reflection Questions

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

Week Three

15. John 6-9

Chapter 9 of John tells us the story of the Man Born Blind whose faith deepened as the story progressed. First, he testified to Jesus as “the man called Jesus.” The next time he is asked he declared that Jesus was a prophet. When the man witnesses to the Sanhedrin he told them that Jesus was from God. When he again met Jesus he declared his faith and said to Jesus, “I do believe.” Have you ever been blind to Jesus’ presence in your life? Does the faith journey of the Man Born Blind in any way, echo yours?

16. John 10-14

It may seem strange to us that the Book of Glory begins with Jesus washing his disciples’ feet. What is glorious about that? In the book *The Gospel According to St. John* (Barrett, 1955), we are told that Jesus’ public act of crucifixion on Calvary and this private act of washing the feet of his disciples are alike in that each is an act of humility and service. Each act showed the glorious love of God. Jesus then gave us the command to go and do likewise. What glorious acts of love and service have you performed for others? How have you followed Jesus command to go and do likewise?

17. John 15-19

One of the many stories in this section is the often quoted, “I am the vine, you are the branches.” In order to bear good fruit the branch must be connected to the vine which nourishes it and enables it to flourish. What kind of “fruit” are you producing? This will be a sign to you of how well you are attached to Jesus, the vine. Is it time to do a little pruning and strengthen the attachment?

18. John 20-Acts 4

In the beginning of Acts the Holy Spirit descended upon the Apostles and endowed them with gifts enabling them to proclaim Jesus Christ, raised from the dead, as the Savior of the world. Peter called all those present to repentance and baptism, so that they would also receive forgiveness of sins and the gifts of the Spirit. Each of us today who has been baptized and confirmed has received all gifts necessary to witness for Jesus and the Kingdom of God. How well do you use the gifts given to you by the Holy Spirit to build up the Church?

19. Acts 6-9

Here is the story of Paul’s conversion. Paul was traveling to the synagogues in Damascus to find “any men or women who belong to the Way (followers of Jesus or disciples).” When Paul encountered Jesus on the road to Damascus and he asked, “Who are you Lord?” Jesus responded, “I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting.” Jesus identified himself with his Church. Echoing what Jesus told us in the Gospels: whatever

we do to the least of his brothers and sisters we do to him. How have you been treating Jesus lately?

20. Acts 10-15

Throughout the book of Acts of the Apostles we see the movement of the Holy Spirit. It is the Spirit that bestows gifts, that strengthens and encourages, and that initiates the movement of the kingdom through Paul's missionary journeys. How has the Holy Spirit been present in your life and how has the Spirit moved you toward God's will for your life?

21. Acts 16-20

While Paul was in Athenas, he grew exasperated at the sight of the city full of idols. Have you experienced a similar feeling? What kind of idols do you see around? Does these idols bring you conflict? Why?