



“Come Follow Me”

Exploring Jesus' invitation to discipleship

Part 2

July 16, 2016

Parish Life Center

Morning Prayer (Chapel)

Song – #682: I Give you my heart

All: Lord, you are near to us, and all your ways are true.

Side 1: LORD, my heart is not proud;
nor are my eyes haughty.
I do not busy myself with great matters,
with things too sublime for me.

Side 2: Rather, I have stilled my soul,
Like a weaned child to its mother,
weaned is my soul.

Side 1: Israel, hope in the LORD,
now and forever.

Side 2: Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the
Holy Spirit

Side 1: As it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for
ever. Amen.

All: Lord, you are near to us, and all your ways are true.

Reading – Luke 5:1-11

While the crowd was pressing in on Jesus and listening to the word of God, he was standing by the Lake of Gennesaret. He saw two boats there alongside the lake; the fishermen had disembarked and were washing their nets. Getting into one of the boats, the one belonging to Simon,

he asked him to put out a short distance from the shore. Then he sat down and taught the crowds from the boat. After he had finished speaking, he said to Simon, "Put out into deep water and lower your nets for a catch." Simon said in reply, "Master, we have worked hard all night and have caught nothing, but at your command I will lower the nets." When they had done this, they caught a great number of fish and their nets were tearing. They signaled to their partners in the other boat to come to help them. They came and filled both boats so that they were in danger of sinking. When Simon Peter saw this, he fell at the knees of Jesus and said, "Depart from me, Lord, for I am a sinful man." For astonishment at the catch of fish they had made seized him and all those with him, and likewise James and John, the sons of Zebedee, who were partners of Simon. Jesus said to Simon, "Do not be afraid; from now on you will be catching men." When they brought their boats to the shore, they left everything* and followed him.

Silent Reflection

Responsorial Psalm

Fr. David: I cry to you, O Lord, for you are my refuge.

Response: I cry to you, O Lord, for you are my refuge.

Fr. David: You are all I desire in the land of the living,

Response: for you are my refuge.

Fr. David: Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit

All: I cry to you, O Lord, for you are my refuge.

Fr. David: Lord, shine on those who dwell in darkness and the shadow of death

Canticle of Zachariah

Blessed be the Lord, The God of Israel;
He has come to His people and set them free.
He has raised up for us a mighty Savior,
Born of the house of His servant David.
Through His holy prophets He promised of old
That He would save us from our enemies,
From the hands of all who hate us.
He promised to show mercy to our fathers
And to remember His holy Covenant.
This was the oath He swore to our father Abraham:
To set us free from the hands of our enemies,
Free to worship Him without fear,
Holy and righteous in His sight
All the days of our life.
You, My child shall be called
The prophet of the Most High,
For you will go before the Lord to prepare His way,
To give his people knowledge of salvation
By the forgiveness of their sins.
In the tender compassion of our Lord
The dawn from on high shall break upon us,
to shine on those who dwell in darkness
And the shadow of death,
And to guide our feet into the way of peace.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit.
As it was in the beginning is now, and will be forever.

All: Lord, shine on those who dwell in darkness and the shadow of death

Intercessions

Fr. David: Lord Jesus Christ, you call us to follow you as your disciples.

Response: Help us to drop our nets and follow you.

Fr. David: Lord Jesus Christ, you give us everything we need to carry out your will.

Response: Draw us closer to you.

Fr. David: Lord Jesus Christ, you send us to proclaim the Good News.

Response: Teach us to be faithful in our words and actions.

Fr. David: Lord Jesus Christ, you are the goal of all our desires, the satisfaction of all our longings, and the end of all our work.

Response: Help us seek and find you in all that we do.

Fr. David: Lord Jesus Christ, even in your presence we are anxious about many things. (silently offer your intentions)

Response: Guide us to be still and sit at your feet.

Our Father

Closing Prayer

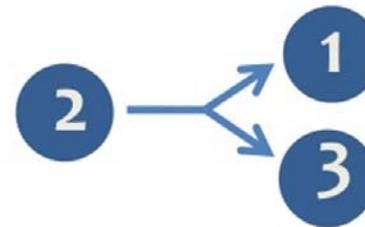
Fr. David: God, the Father of mercies, has sent his Son into the world. Through the Holy Spirit, who will teach us all truth, may he make us messengers of the Gospel and witnesses of his love to the world.

Song – #705: Servant Song (verses 2 & 5)

Be Still... (Chapel)

three spiritual journeys

1. The *personal interior journey* of a lived relationship with Christ resulting in intentional discipleship.
2. The ecclesial journey *into the Church* through reception of the sacraments of initiation.
3. The journey of *active practice* – receiving the sacraments, attending Mass, and participating in the life and mission of the Christian community.



+ many more variations...

Weddell, *Forming Intentional Disciples*, 54

Notes:

For Individual Reflection:

- Reflect on this passage from Luke 10:38-42:
As they continued their journey he entered a village where a woman whose name was Martha welcomed him. She had a sister named Mary [who] sat beside the Lord at his feet listening to him speak. Martha, burdened with much serving, came to him and said, "Lord, do you not care that my sister has left me by myself to do the serving? Tell her to help me." The Lord said to her in reply, "Martha, Martha, you are anxious and worried about many things. There is need of only one thing. Mary has chosen the better part and it will not be taken from her."

*When have you been more like Martha
in your spiritual life?*

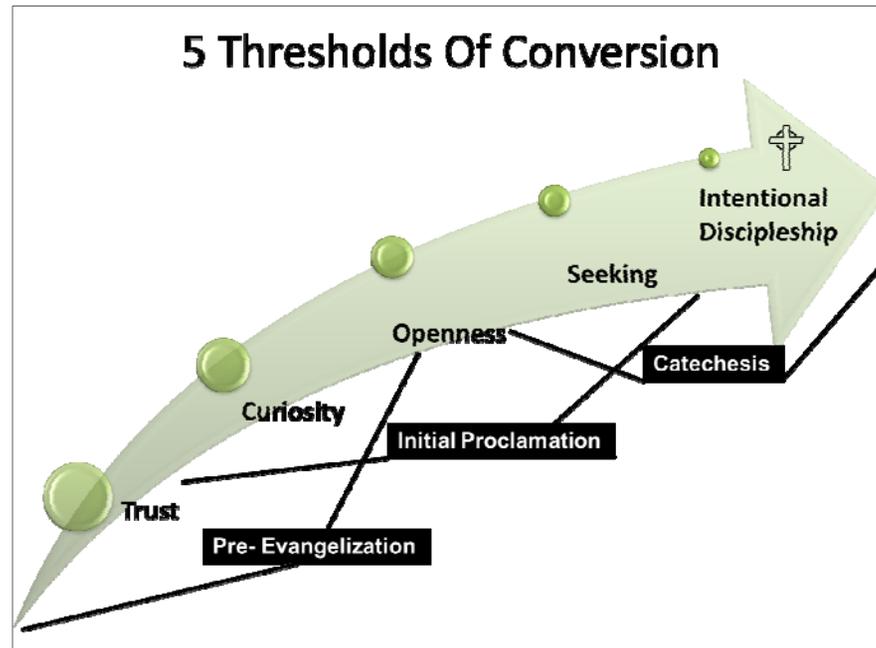
When have you been more like Mary in your spiritual life?

"What does it mean, then to worship God? It means learning to be with him, it means that we stop trying to dialogue with him, and it means sensing that his presence is the most true, the most good, the most important thing of all."

- Pope Francis, Homily on April 14, 2013

*What are some obstacles you encounter in simply being
with Jesus, in His presence?*

Take some time to just be with Jesus in silence.

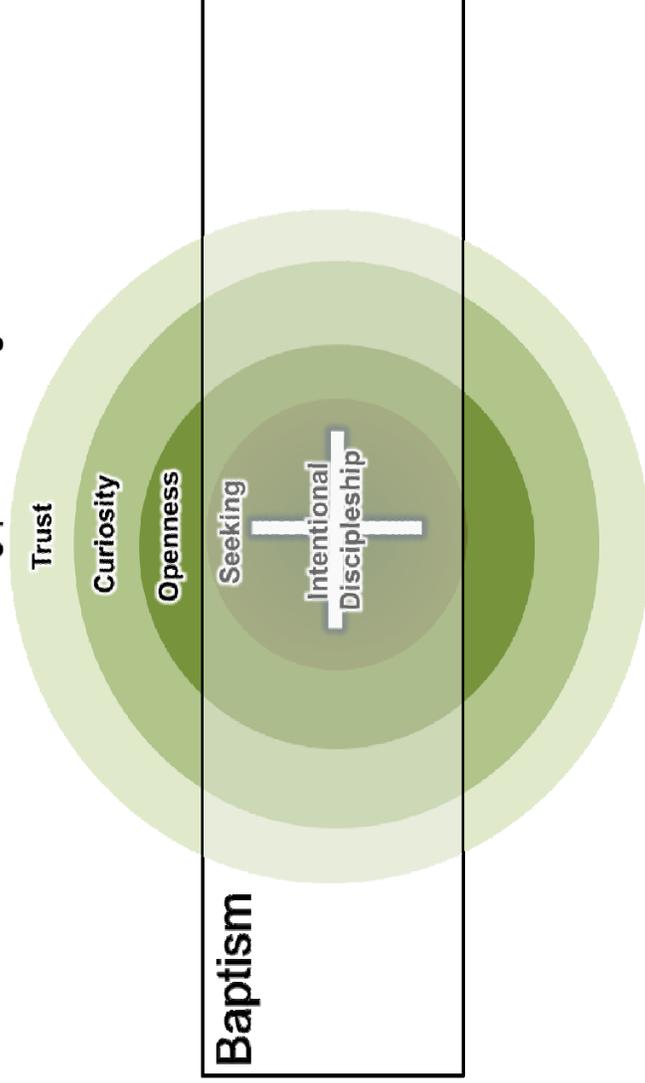


Small group discussion:

- Reflect on your own faith journey. Where do you place yourself in this interior journey towards the Lord?
- Who has been a “bridge of trust” for you?
- Have you been invited to “come and see,” or have you received information about the faith?
- When have you experienced openness? What was the “trigger” and what helped foster that in you?

Moving to the Lord - Thresholds

Non-Believing | Non-Trusting



Becoming an Intentional Disciple

Individual Reflection:

- Silently reflect on your own faith journey. Would you consider yourself “in the zone” of discipleship?

- In what ways are you actively seeking after the God who is calling you to Himself?

- What was the most recent time that you made the explicit personal decision to follow Jesus as His disciple?

- If you have not yet “dropped your nets,” what is holding you back? Will you find a resolution or seek help?

Continued Personal Reflection

Reflect on some times when you have made a firm and conscious commitment to someone or something (spouse, career, school, etc.).

What did you have to sacrifice to make that commitment?

Why did you make that commitment?

Do you think it was worth it?

Continued Personal Reflection

Jesus call His disciples

Reflect on the following passages from Scripture:

Mark 1:16-20

Mark 2:13-17

Luke 5:1-11

John 1:35-39

John 1:43-49

Jesus is calling you to follow Him as His disciple,
just as He called the twelve.

When have you heard His invitation?

Do you think making the commitment to follow
Jesus is worth it?

What will it take for you to “drop your nets”?

Thank you for participating in this morning of reflection.

Please pray for our community, that we may all continue to foster a culture of discipleship here at Most Precious Blood.

If you want to continue to grow in your own journey of discipleship, check out these resources:

Books

Forming Intentional Disciples
(Available in the parish office for \$15)
by Sherry Weddell

Becoming a Parish of Intentional Disciples
(available at the parish office for \$10)
edited by Sherry Weddell

Divine Renovation: Bringing Your Parish
From Maintenance to Mission
by Fr. James Mallon

Encountering Jesus: From Discovery to Discipleship
by Fr. Dave Pivonka and Dcn. Ralph Poyo

Pick Up Your Cross and Follow Me
by Dcn. Ralph Poyo

Online

“Discipleship Groups” video series: olgcparish.net/media/

<https://www.focusoncampus.org/discipleship-resources>

