



LIVING IN THE LIGHT

The Word

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Week of January 22, 2012

Call to Prayer and Sharing

✦ *Leader invites all into a few moments of silent reflection to remember that we are in the presence of God. (reflective pause)*

✦ *Then: "In the name of the Father and of the Son"*

The Word of God

✦ *Leader reads part or all of one of the scripture texts from the previous Sunday.*

Mark 1:14-20

After John had been arrested,
Jesus came to Galilee proclaiming the gospel of God:
"This is the time of fulfillment.
The kingdom of God is at hand.
Repent, and believe in the gospel."

As he passed by the Sea of Galilee,
he saw Simon and his brother Andrew casting their nets into the sea;
they were fishermen.
Jesus said to them,
"Come after me, and I will make you fishers of people."
Then they abandoned their nets and followed him.
He walked along a little farther
and saw James, the son of Zebedee, and his brother John.
They too were in a boat mending their nets.
Then he called them.
So they left their father Zebedee in the boat
along with the hired men and followed him.

✦ *At the conclusion of the reading, briefly pause for quiet reflection.*

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Faith Sharing

- ✦ *Leader reminds everyone of the Question of the Week which relates to the particular group gathered*

Adults: What attracts you about following Jesus?
 What challenges you?

Teens: How do you know when you have made a good choice?
 How do you know when you have made a wrong choice?

Children: Why do you want to follow Jesus?

Time is provided for sharing responses to the question. Silence between responses is to be expected. Allow about 15 minutes for faith sharing. For larger groups, leader invites members to divide into groups of three or four for faith sharing.

- ✦ *When the sharing comes to an end, the leader invites everyone to take a moment to silently and reverently hold what has been shared together.*

- ✦ *Continue with the meeting, turning to the agenda.*

Concluding the meeting

At the end of the meeting, the leader closes with the following prayer:

Good and Gracious God,
your love for us surpasses all understanding.
As we leave here today,
be with us in all our comings and goings,
 and in all that we say and do.
We pray this in the name of Christ Jesus who is our Light.
Amen.