



An Invitation to Listen to God



“Mercy”

To prepare for the next Small Group meeting you are invited to engage in the following process before you meet each week:

- Ask the Holy Spirit to open your mind and heart to hear God’s Word.
- Choose a scripture passage, read it and sit quietly with the Word.
- What moves you or attracts you in this reading?
- Does anything cause resistance in you? Do you know why?
- Take a few minutes to respond in writing to the readings.

Readings for the Fifth Sunday of Lent April 3, 2022

Reading 1: Isaiah 43: 16-21

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 126: 1-6

Reading 2: Philippians 3: 8-14

Gospel: John 8: 1-11

Scrutiny Mass

Ezekiel 37: 12-14

Psalm 130: 1-8

Romans 8: 8-11

John 11: 1-45

Questions

► *For group discussion:*

1. Can you identify blessings in your daily life which merit your praising God? What desert is he currently guiding you through?
2. Who in your life needs your forgiveness and mercy?
3. Did Jesus judge? What is the difference between judging and condemning? (Look up in a dictionary.) Should we judge whether actions are right or wrong (including our own)? Why? Are there people in our society who don’t want us to say or do anything about their behavior? What do they tell us not to do? Discuss.
4. Jesus truly values the woman caught in adultery. How do (should) we value people who we believe have sinned?
5. What do you think of, or react to, when you encounter “street people” or anyone who makes you uncomfortable or afraid? Do you want to reach out, run, or condemn?

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