



## An Invitation to Listen to God



### “Prepare A Place”

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 5th Sunday of Easter May 7, 2023

Reading 1: Acts 6:1-7

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 18-19

Reading 2: 1 Peter 2:4-9

Gospel: John 14:1-12

### Questions

► *For group discussion:*

1. “Do not let your hearts be troubled.” What events and situations in the world are troubling to me? (or reflect on a time in your life when you experienced darkness such as a health crisis, spiritual numbness, financial problems, loss of family or friends)) How can you be a force for calm and peace?
2. Jesus said to his disciples, “Do not let your hearts be troubled”. “Be Not Afraid” is in the Bible 364 times! Share your thoughts on this.
3. “In my Father’s house there are many dwelling places.” Where do I feel the presence of God most strongly? Where do I pray most often?
4. “I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.” Do I share the truth in all my interactions – in speech, writing, and on social media? Do I help lead others to God through word and action?