



An Invitation to Listen to God



“Lifted Up”

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 4th Sunday of Lent March 10, 2024

Reading 1: 2 Chronicles 36: 14-16, 19-23

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 137: 1-6

Reading 2: Ephesians 2: 4-10

Gospel: John 3: 14-21

Questions

► *For group discussion:*

1. Nicodemus comes to the Lord at night. He had a lot to lose by following Jesus. What is holding you back from following Him? What is preventing you from intimacy with the Lord?
2. The Gospel proclaims, “But whoever lives the **truth** comes to the light...” Do you feel like it is easier to prefer darkness to light sometimes? Why or why not?
3. What are areas in your life/heart that need healing right now?
4. Can you forgive others in your life, knowing that Jesus has forgiven you? (What can you do this week to make this happen?)

Gospel [JN 3:14-21](#)

Jesus said to Nicodemus:

“Just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the desert,
so must the Son of Man be lifted up,
so that everyone who believes in him may have eternal life.”

For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son,
so that everyone who believes in him might not perish
but might have eternal life.

For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world,
but that the world might be saved through him.

Whoever believes in him will not be condemned,
but whoever does not believe has already been condemned,
because he has not believed in the name of the only Son of God.

And this is the verdict,
that the light came into the world,
but people preferred darkness to light,
because their works were evil.

For everyone who does wicked things hates the light
and does not come toward the light,
so that his works might not be exposed.

But whoever lives the truth comes to the light,
so that his works may be clearly seen as done in God.