

ENCOUNTER

THE HEART OF PRAYER

Week 5

IMAGINATION, FANTASY, & PRAYER

Notes

Quotes From the Video

“I, John, your brother, who share with you the distress, the kingdom, and the endurance we have in Jesus, found myself on the island called Patmos because I proclaimed God’s word and gave testimony to Jesus. I was caught up in spirit on the Lord’s day and heard behind me a voice as loud as a trumpet, which said, ‘Write on a scroll what you see and send it to the seven churches.’”

— *Revelation 1: 9-II*

“After this I had a vision of an open door to heaven, and I heard the trumpetlike voice that had spoken to me before, saying, ‘Come up here and I will show you what must happen afterwards.’ At once I was caught up in spirit. A throne was there in heaven, and on the throne sat one whose appearance sparkled ...”

— *Revelation 1: 9-II*

“But early in the morning he arrived again in the temple area, and all the people started coming to him, and he sat down and taught them. Then the scribes and the Pharisees brought a woman who had been caught in adultery and made her stand in the middle. They said to him, ‘Teacher, this woman was caught in the very act of committing adultery. Now in the law, Moses commanded us to stone such women. So what do you say?’ They said this to test him, so that they could have some charge to bring against him. Jesus bent down and began to write on the ground with his finger. But when they continued asking him, he straightened up and said to them, ‘Let the one among you who is without sin be the first to throw a stone at her.’ Again he bent down and wrote on the ground. And in response, they went away one by one, beginning with the elders. So he was left alone with the woman before him. Then Jesus straightened up and said to her, ‘Woman, where are they? Has no one condemned you?’ She replied, ‘No one, sir.’ Then Jesus said, ‘Neither do I condemn you. Go, from now on do not sin anymore.’

— *John 8: 2-II*

Suggested Small Group Questions

- What's the one thing that was presented in our conversation today that you found most interesting?
- What was your experience of the guided meditation?

For Your Prayer - Week 5

Below is a Scripture passage for each day of the next week.

The daily audio recordings prepared by Fr. Mark will be needed for at least one of the prayer exercises this week. You can find the recordings on our diocesan website under the video for this week's session:

htdiocese.org/encounter.

Day 29 | Jesus Prepares His Mother

Listen to today's audio recording.

Day 30 | MATTHEW 21: 1-9

Palm Sunday & Jesus' Entry into Jerusalem

Day 31 | JOHN 13

Jesus Washes the Disciples' Feet

Day 32 | MATTHEW 26: 26-46

The Agony in the Garden

Day 33 | ISAIAH 50: 4-11 & LUKE 23: 1-25

"Crucify Him! Crucify Him!"

Day 34 | ISAIAH 53: 6-12 & LUKE 23: 26-43

"Father, forgive them for they know not ..."

Day 35 | JOHN 19: 1-30

Jesus entrusts Mary to John. "Consumatum est." ("It is finished.")

Suggestions for Praying with the Scriptures

- Read the passage once to become familiar with the text.
- Slowly read the passage a second time.
- Very slowly read the passage a third time.
- Pay attention to which word, words, or phrases capture your attention or tug at your heart.
- Talk to God about what is on your heart... and listen.
- After you pray, journaling in some manner could be helpful. Simply jotting down a word, phrase, or sentence about one thing that stuck out to us from our prayer can help us as we look back on our those notes and remember how God has been speaking to us.