

St. John Paul II Parish, Sellersburg IN

The First Fifteen

Here at JP II, we like to begin all of our parish meetings with some faith sharing focused on one of the upcoming Sunday's readings. To begin, one person in the group proclaims the reading provided below. Then everyone is invited to reflect and share on the readings. The questions provided below are a guide to stimulate your discussion. You can use these or anything that strikes you about the Word of God. Conclude your prayer with "Come, Holy Spirit".

Twenty-eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Mark 10:17-30

October 10, 2021

As Jesus was setting out on a journey, a man ran up, knelt down before him, and asked him, "Good teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?" Jesus answered him, "Why do you call me good? No one is good but God alone. You know the commandments: You shall not kill; you shall not commit adultery; you shall not steal; you shall not bear false witness; you shall not defraud; honor your father and your mother." He replied and said to him, "Teacher, all of these I have observed from my youth." Jesus, looking at him, loved him and said to him, "You are lacking in one thing. Go, sell what you have, and give to the poor and you will have treasure in heaven; then come, follow me." At that statement his face fell, and he went away sad, for he had many possessions.

Jesus looked around and said to his disciples, "How hard it is for those who have wealth to enter the kingdom of God!" The disciples were amazed at his words. So Jesus again said to them in reply, "Children, how hard it is to enter the kingdom of God! It is easier for a camel to pass through the eye of a needle than for one who is rich to enter the kingdom of God." They were exceedingly astonished and said among themselves, "Then who can be saved?" Jesus looked at them and said, "For human beings it is impossible, but not for God. All things are possible for God."

Thoughts to Ponder:

1. The man in this Gospel asks Jesus the formula for eternal life but is told he is lacking one thing. What is the one thing you are lacking in your spiritual life?
2. Do you sometimes think God is demanding too much from you? Why or why not?
3. What could God be asking you to 'give up'?

End with Come, Holy Spirit...

Come, Holy Spirit
Fill my heart.
Enkindle in me
the fire of your love.
Send forth your Spirit,
and I shall be created.
And you shall renew the face of the earth.