

Annunciation Parish - Scripture Study 5/19/20

—Greeting and Opening Prayer

Any thoughts or questions from scripture passages you have read?

- Other faith questions?

READINGS:

ACTS 1:12-14

PS 27:1, 4, 7-8 (I believe that I shall see the good things of the Lord in the land of the living)

1 PT 4:13-16

JN 17:1-11A

GOSPEL:

- Jesus raises eyes to heaven. What do you think of? What might this say about Heaven and Earth?
- Father glorifying Son allows Son to glorify Father. What is this about?
- Jesus asserts he will give eternal life, and then gives a definition of Eternal Life.
 - The glorification is connected to what Jesus has done - it is a glory he *already had before the beginning of time*. Time begins at creation - there eternal glory of God in the Son is shown.
- Jesus passes the words of the Father to those who have been chosen and given for this purpose. God elects, empowers, and equips. How have you been equipped for ministry and service?
- Jesus does not pray for “the world” but only for his own - does this seem strange to you?
- Mine is yours and yours is mine. An interesting unity is being expressed. Where do we fit into that unity? Do we?

FIRST READING:

- The apostles return to Jerusalem after the Ascension.
- They return to the upper room. Why? What does this room symbolize?
- There is a list provided of the apostles. These even at this early time have a special significance and mission.
- They joined themselves in prayer. Notice that women are to excluded, but from the beginning are part of the central action of the newly forming Church.
- Do we realize how we can partner with each other in the common action of the Church?
- Do we devote ourselves to prayer when Jesus seems far away?
- What did they recourse to prayer - what do you think they were looking for?

SECOND READING:

- Rejoice in sharing the sufferings of Christ - when his glory is revealed you will rejoice.
- Blessed are you when insulted for his name. Jesus says the same thing himself in the Beatitudes.
- To suffer as a Christian is not be ashamed, but glorify God.
- What is our attitude towards suffering?
- What is the difference between suffering for the sake of the name, and as a result of our own folly?
- What does this passage say to you?

—Closing Prayer