

## Annunciation Parish - Scripture Study 5/5/20

—Greeting and Opening Prayer

Any thoughts or questions from scripture passages you have read?

- Other faith questions?

### READINGS:

ACTS 6:1-7

PS 33:1-2, 4-5, 18-19 (Lord, let your mercy be on us, as we place our trust in you)

1 PT 2:4-9

JN 14:1-12

### GOSPEL:

- Have faith in him as faith in God ... what does this point to? How do we know how to read?
- Jesus is going to prepare a place. He will come back and take you ... to the place ... no, to “myself,” so where he is we will be - Why? How does this connect to Baptism?
- We “know the way” - neat meaning here “know the way” = expression to know how to get there. Jesus’ meaning is different (remember a “way” is a “road”).
- We can only go to the Father THROUGH him. What does that mean?
- Whoever has seen me has seen the Father - connects to beginning of passage. What is he saying?
- Even within the persons of the undivided Trinity there is an obedience. What does this say to us?
- The believer will do greater works than Jesus - what could he mean? Do I feel like I could?

### FIRST READING:

- As disciples grow, problems rise - it is the way. Larger communities = more possibilities of problems.
- Even in the early Church - discrimination of certain groups came up. Where have we seen that?
- The first Deacons are selected. knowledge of the role of the Apostle and their need for assistance. Like Moses needed help in the desert and people were appointed to share the load.
- There was a consensus for this to be the right course.
- The community selected the men - the Apostles “laid hands on them” the beginnings of what will become Ordination (Sacrament of Holy Orders).
- The word spreads, the numbers grow. God can make all things grow.

### SECOND READING:

- We are the stones that will be built into a spiritual house.
  - Rejected by humans, acceptable to God. Jesus is also the “stone rejected by the builders who becomes the cornerstone” - see later in the passage this is quoted.
- All the baptized share in a position in the Body of Christ. As HE is a priest (the only priest) - so all share in his priesthood to different degrees.
  - Able to offer spiritual sacrifices
- Jesus is the cornerstone of the structure, Peter is rock upon whom the Church will be built, Jesus is the “keystone” that holds the structure together. All connected to the image of the temple: “Destroy this temple and I will rebuild it” what a privilege to be part of the material.
- a Chosen race, a royal priesthood.

—Closing Prayer