



SPX Small Groups

Life is Better Together

Sent: Week 2 May 17
6th Sunday of Easter



- 1) What tasks have you attempted, or what skills have you learned that you would not have considered before the pandemic? (e.g. cutting your own hair?) How did that turn out?
- 2) Are you relying on your faith more since the pandemic started? If so, how?
- 3) If you were an apostle in Jesus' day, and Philip invited you to join him to go to Samaria to preach the good news, would you have gone? What would the likely upsides and downsides to such a mission? Have you ever wanted to be a modern-day missionary to foreign lands?
- 4) What led to the success Philip had in Samaria (Acts 8:5-8;14-17)?
- 5) Philip discovered that he could preach and heal like Jesus had. Has God ever put you in a situation where you suddenly discovered you had a new skill that allowed you to accomplish a purpose of God?
- 6) Fr. Mike talked about things Philip can teach us about being sent -- that it means going someplace new (even by thinking in a new way) and that it requires you to trust the sender. Which is easier for you to do: go someplace new/think in a new way OR trust God? Why?
- 7) Fr. Mike invited you to think about your circle of influence. Is there someone in your circle who particularly needs encouragement right now? How can you encourage them?
- 8) 1 Peter 3:15 says "Always be ready to give an explanation to anyone who asks you for a reason for your hope."
 - a. Name as many things as you can that give you hope right now.
 - b. If you had to summarize your answer to the question "Why are you hopeful right now?" what would you say? How does Jesus/your faith figure into your answer?