



Sharing the Gift

Just Imagine!

Readings: Jer 1:4-5, 17-19 | Ps 71:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 15-17 | 1 Cor 13:4-13 | Lk 4:21-30

focal point

One of the first things Jesus says to his followers after he rises from the dead is: As the Father has sent me, so I send you. So, Jesus says to YOU, his followers, as the Father has sent me, so I send YOU. I send you to share the gift with everyone.

The mission of the Catholic church is to bring people to Jesus, by sharing the gift of Jesus' message, sharing Jesus' message of God's love.

scripture

Read aloud from the Gospel of Luke. Then read aloud two more times.

Ask the group what words or phrases jump out at them and why?

discussion questions

1. In his Pastoral Letter Sharing the Gift, Bishop Wack says, "We can no longer be content with opening our church doors and watching people come in." What can we do instead?
2. How can I extend communion and fellowship to others, such as family, friends, coworkers and neighbors?
3. How do the risks of being a Christian today compare to the risks of being a Christian in the early Church?
4. How do you continue to renew your relationship with God besides weekly Mass?

application

Don't just go to church. Be the church! Pray for your personal transformation to change, to be on fire for God's Son and the courage to share him with others. Pray. Pray for yourself and our parish's transformation that you will have the openness and the courage to share - the - gift.

