

Youth Study Aid

This study aid is to be picked up after Mass on January 8th 2012, to reflect upon for the following week of January 15th, 2012.

1 Samuel 3:3-10, 19

Samuel was sleeping in the temple of the LORD where the ark of God was. The LORD called to Samuel, who answered, "Here I am." Samuel ran to Eli and said, "Here I am. You called me." "I did not call you," Eli said. "Go back to sleep." So he went back to sleep. Again the LORD called Samuel, who rose and went to Eli. "Here I am," he said. "You called me." But Eli answered, "I did not call you, my son. Go back to sleep."

At that time Samuel was not familiar with the LORD, because the LORD had not revealed anything to him as yet. The LORD called Samuel again, for the third time. Getting up and going to Eli, he said, "Here I am. You called me." Then Eli understood that the LORD was calling the youth. So he said to Samuel, "Go to sleep, and if you are called, reply, Speak, LORD, for your servant is listening." When Samuel went to sleep in his place, the LORD came and revealed his presence, calling out as before, "Samuel, Samuel!" Samuel answered, "Speak, for your servant is listening."

Samuel grew up, and the LORD was with him, not permitting any word of his to be without effect.

1 Corinthians 6:13-15, 17-20

Brothers and sisters: The body is not for immorality, but for the Lord, and the Lord is for the body; God raised the Lord and will also raise us by his power.

Do you not know that your bodies are members of Christ? But whoever is joined to the Lord becomes one Spirit with him. Avoid immorality. Every other sin a person commits is outside the body, but the immoral person sins against his own body. Do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you, whom you have from God, and that you are not your own? For you have been purchased at a price. Therefore glorify God in your body.

John 1:35-42

John was standing with two of his disciples, and as he watched Jesus walk by, he said, "Behold, the Lamb of God." The two disciples heard what he said and followed Jesus. Jesus turned and saw them following him and said to them, "What are you looking for?" They said to him, "Rabbi" - which translated means Teacher -, "where are you staying?" He said to them, "Come, and you will see."

So they went and saw where Jesus was staying, and they stayed with him that day. It was about four in the afternoon. Andrew, the brother of Simon Peter, was one of the two who heard John and followed Jesus. He first found his own brother Simon and told him, "We have found the Messiah" - which is translated Christ -. Then he brought him to Jesus. Jesus looked at him and said, "You are Simon the son of John; you will be called Cephas" - which is translated Peter.

After you have read the readings please look at the summary and then the questions listed below. If you have questions please feel free to send an e-mail to yss@resurrection-catholic.org

In the first reading from the first book of Samuel, Samuel is with his teacher Eli when the Lord calls to Samuel for the first time. Each time the Lord calls him Samuel thinks that it is Eli who is calling him. At first Eli did not understand that the Lord was calling Samuel either so he kept telling Samuel he had not called him. Then Eli realized it was the Lord calling Samuel and told Samuel that the next time he heard someone calling him to answer “speak Lord.” Samuel did this and thus began his relationship with the Lord. Have you ever felt that the Lord is calling you? Did you realize it right away when the Lord called you or were you like Samuel and had to be called several times?

In the second reading from the First Letter to Corinthians, Paul is addressing the Corinthians about the body. The Corinthians, before they became Christians, used sex in pagan worship. Paul was trying to explain to them why this is wrong. Paul starts with connecting the Church to Christ. This would emphasize the need to treat the Church with the respect that Jesus deserves. The second use of the body that Paul uses is that the body is a temple for the Holy Spirit. Since Christians would not take lightly any desecration of the Temple, the analogy would then say that we should not desecrate our bodies either. Does this reading make it easier to see why we should treat each other with respect and to treat our bodies with respect as well? With the understanding that the Holy Spirit is within us, does that make it easier to call upon the Holy Spirit when we are in times of trouble?

In the Gospel reading from John we hear of how John the Baptist was with two of his disciples when Jesus walked by and John told them that Jesus was the Lamb of God. They left immediately to follow Jesus. One of the disciples later went to get his brother and told him that they had found the Messiah. The first question the disciples asked Jesus was where He was staying. The reason behind the questions was to find out where they could spend time with Jesus. Do you spend time with Jesus on a regular basis? Do you have a special place you go so that you can spend time with Jesus?

Now read the Gospel again.

John 1:35-42

What image or phrase stands out to you as you read the Gospel?

Then read the gospel again.

What does the Gospel say to you about how you should live your daily life?

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The **next** Youth Scripture Study is Sunday night, January 22nd from 7:00-8:00 PM in Room E.

There is also a Youth Scripture Study scheduled for Sunday night, January 29th from 7:00 – 8:00 PM in Room E.

Youth in grades 4 through 12 are encouraged and welcome to attend!!