

Youth Study Aid

This study aid is to be picked up after Mass on January 15th 2012, to reflect upon for the following week of January 22nd 2012.

Jonah 3:1-5, 10

The word of the LORD came to Jonah, saying: "Set out for the great city of Nineveh, and announce to it the message that I will tell you." So Jonah made ready and went to Nineveh, according to the LORD'S bidding. Now Nineveh was an enormously large city; it took three days to go through it. Jonah began his journey through the city, and had gone but a single day's walk announcing, "Forty days more and Nineveh shall be destroyed, " when the people of Nineveh believed God; they proclaimed a fast and all of them, great and small, put on sackcloth.

When God saw by their actions how they turned from their evil way, he repented of the evil that he had threatened to do to them; he did not carry it out.

1 Corinthians 7:29-31

I tell you, brothers and sisters, the time is running out. From now on, let those having wives act as not having them, those weeping as not weeping, those rejoicing as not rejoicing, those buying as not owning, those using the world as not using it fully. For the world in its present form is passing away.

Mark 1:14-20

After John had been arrested, Jesus came to Galilee proclaiming the gospel of God: "This is the time of fulfillment. The kingdom of God is at hand. Repent, and believe in the gospel." As he passed by the Sea of Galilee, he saw Simon and his brother Andrew casting their nets into the sea; they were fishermen. Jesus said to them, "Come after me, and I will make you fishers of men." Then they abandoned their nets and followed him. He walked along a little farther and saw James, the son of Zebedee, and his brother John. They too were in a boat mending their nets. Then he called them. So they left their father Zebedee in the boat along with the hired men and followed him.

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 Jonah, Jonah was sent to Nineveh to tell the people to repent. That is exactly what they did. Here is a city that is so large that it takes Jonah several days to cross and they all repent and are forgiven. This action angered Jonah because the Ninevites were known as wicked people and were enemies of Israel. Jonah had wanted God to destroy the Ninevites. This reading shows that God's message can get through even if the messenger is not an eager participant. How would you react if God called you to tell your enemy to convert to God? Do you think God asks you to conversion? How many times do you think God has had to do this?

In the second reading from the First Letter to Corinthians, Paul is addressing the Corinthians about the end of time. Paul wants them to abandon the things of this world. Paul wants them to want God and not material things. This is a time where the Corinthians need to make the decision on how they are going to live their lives so that when the end of time comes they are among the chosen ones. Do you think that it is easy to let go of material items for the glory of God? Does society make it even harder to let go of the material things?

In the Gospel reading from Mark we read where Jesus was proclaiming the gospel and telling people to repent and believe in the gospel for the kingdom of God was at hand. This reminds us of the first reading today where Jonah went through Nineveh and said that they should repent and be saved. The one difference you might notice is that Jesus was not doing this reluctantly; instead He willingly went about proclaiming the gospel and the need for repentance. We also see that on His journey He was choosing His disciples. Jesus' request for discipleship required the disciples to leave their families and follow Him wherever He would go. Does Jesus call you to repentance? Are you able to follow Jesus' call or do you let other things stand in your way?

Now read the Gospel again.

Mark 1:14-20

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!!