

Youth Study Aid

This study aid is to be picked up after Mass on January 29th 2012, to reflect upon for the following week of February 5th 2012.

Job 7:1-4, 6-7

Job spoke, saying: Is not man's life on earth a drudgery? Are not his days those of hirelings? He is a slave who longs for the shade, a hireling who waits for his wages. So I have been assigned months of misery, and troubled nights have been allotted to me. If in bed I say, "When shall I arise?" then the night drags on; I am filled with restlessness until the dawn. My days are swifter than a weaver's shuttle; they come to an end without hope. Remember that my life is like the wind; I shall not see happiness again.

1 Corinthians 9:16-19, 22-23

Brothers and sisters: If I preach the gospel, this is no reason for me to boast, for an obligation has been imposed on me, and woe to me if I do not preach it! If I do so willingly, I have a recompense, but if unwillingly, then I have been entrusted with a stewardship. What then is my recompense? That, when I preach, I offer the gospel free of charge so as not to make full use of my right in the gospel.

Although I am free in regard to all, I have made myself a slave to all so as to win over as many as possible. To the weak I became weak, to win over the weak. I have become all things to all, to save at least some. All this I do for the sake of the gospel, so that I too may have a share in it.

Mark 1:29-39

On leaving the synagogue Jesus entered the house of Simon and Andrew with James and John. Simon's mother-in-law lay sick with a fever. They immediately told him about her. He approached, grasped her hand, and helped her up. Then the fever left her and she waited on them.

When it was evening, after sunset, they brought to him all who were ill or possessed by demons. The whole town was gathered at the door. He cured many who were sick with various diseases, and he drove out many demons, not permitting them to speak because they knew him.

Rising very early before dawn, he left and went off to a deserted place, where he prayed. Simon and those who were with him pursued him and on finding him said, "Everyone is looking for you." He told them, "Let us go on to the nearby villages that I may preach there also. For this purpose have I come." So he went into their synagogues, preaching and driving out demons throughout the whole of Galilee.

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 book of Job we hear how Job perceives his life. Job was once a prosperous man with a wife and children. Then through a turn of events his family dies and he loses his wealth. Job now feels his life is “drudgery” and he will never be happy again. This is a feeling that many of us have had at one time or another. Many times in the past, when we have read in the bible about people being afflicted like this, they have committed some kind of sin. In Job’s case he was a holy man. So the question of what did he do to deserve this is not easily answered. Job needed to understand that even in his times of hardship God was still with him. Do you feel like Job sometimes? What do you do during those times? Do you know of someone who is holy that has suffered? Didn’t Jesus suffer even though He had not committed any sins? Do we need to continue to have faith during these times of trial?

In the second reading from the First Letter to Corinthians, Paul is addressing the Corinthians about what to expect when they preach the gospel. When Paul was evangelizing he did not ask for money from the people that he preached to. Paul continued to perform regular work in addition to his preaching so he was not a burden to the people. Paul is telling the Corinthians to spread the gospel for the good of all and not for some kind of reward or payment. We also see where Paul feels driven to preach the gospel. What do you feel driven to do? Can you understand Paul reason for preaching?

In the Gospel reading from Mark we read where Jesus was teaching in the synagogue on the Sabbath. After His teaching Jesus and some of the disciples went to Simon’s house. When they entered they found that Simon’s mother was ill with a fever. Jesus heals her and she is then able to serve them. When the people heard about this they brought the people who were sick or possessed to Jesus. Jesus cured many who were ill and drove out many demons. We also read where Jesus rose early and went out to pray. This shows us and His disciples that He needed God’s help and prayer was His way of staying connected to God and where He got the strength to perform these miracles. Where do you draw your strength from? Do you take time out every day to pray to God to give your strength for your challenges?

Now read the Gospel again.

Mark 1:29-39

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 29th from 7:00-8:00 PM in Room E.

There is also a Youth Scripture Study scheduled for Sunday night, February 12th from 7:00 – 8:00 PM in Room E.

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