

Annunciation Parish - Scripture Study 3/22/22

—Greeting and Opening Prayer

Any thoughts or questions from scripture passages you have read?

- Other faith questions?

READINGS:

Jos 5:9a, 10-12

Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7 (Taste and see the goodness of the Lord)

2 Cor 5:17-21

Lk 15:1-3, 11-32

GOSPEL:

- People complain that Jesus welcomes sinners and eats with them. What does the extra detail of eating with them imply?
- Jesus responds with a parable ... how unlike Him ...
- The Prodigal Son. Appears only in Luke. Jesus shows His behavior is right in line with who He is - and with who we are supposed to be. How are we supposed to see the story apply to us?
 - Model of reconciliation. Shows the loving mercy of the Father.
 - The Father, The Prodigal Son, The Older Brother - who do you most relate to?
 - It shows us our relationship to God, how God looks towards those who stray, what the results of God's forgiveness are, and also gives us a model in how to treat others ("Forgive us our trespasses ...")
 - How do you know if you are in the pig sty? How could you miss that you are?
- How does the parable show the truths of the inheritance that is ours in Jesus Christ?
 - How can we hold on to it? How can we lose it?
 - What would have happened if the Prodigal Son had not returned?

FIRST READING:

- The Israelites break the boundaries of the promised land.
- What does this event have to say about our journey through the desert of our life?
- What is "the reproach" that God has removed?
- What does the produce of the land symbolize for us?
- Why did the manna cease?
- What would have happened to the ones who strayed, or who chose not to enter into the promised land?

SECOND READING:

- How are we made a new creation *IN* Christ.
- God has reconciled us to Himself (yes we needed for that to be done) - some don't realize it
- If we have been reconciled in Christ (as if it is a past tense thing), why does Paul tell the people to be reconciled to God (something they must do in the present).
- What does this passage have to do with the Prodigal Son?
- What is the OLD and what is the NEW?

—Closing Prayer