



# SPX Small Groups

*Life is Better Together*

Let's Make a Deal: Week 3 - June 28  
13<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time



- 1) In light of recent events, would you describe yourself as more of an optimist or more of a pessimist about the future?
- 2) What is your favorite book or movie where an unlikely hero faces takes on a mighty quest? What helps the character to succeed?
- 3) We've been talking about the "the deal" God offers each of us. In light of this week's message, how would you describe your part? What is God's part?
- 4) In the Gospel, Jesus says "whoever does not take up his cross and follow after me is not worthy of me. Whoever finds his life will lose it, and whoever loses his life for my sake will find it. (Mt 10:38-39.) Fr. Mike described this as one of the hard sayings of Jesus, because it's hard to hear, hard to make sense of and hard to put into practice.
  - a. How would you explain what it means and what it asks of you personally?
  - b. Can you give any examples of how you have 'taken up your cross' or 'lost your life for Jesus' sake' in the past?
  - c. In light of the pandemic, economic woes, and racial inequality, what cross(es) are you carrying right now?
- 5) So if living as a disciple of Jesus is hard, why do you choose to live as a disciple?
- 6) How have your past "crosses" helped you to grow in your faith or in your commitment to Jesus?
- 7) Fr. Mike said, "Hopefully as a disciple of Jesus, you see your mission including making our world a better place by putting an end to racism and injustice, by caring for the sick and vulnerable, by helping to feed the hungry and the hurting."
  - a. Do any of those things hold any special appeal for you right now? How can you get started?
  - b. Are there other specific things you feel like God might be asking you to do right now? What are they?