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# LIFE TEEN MARYSVILLE

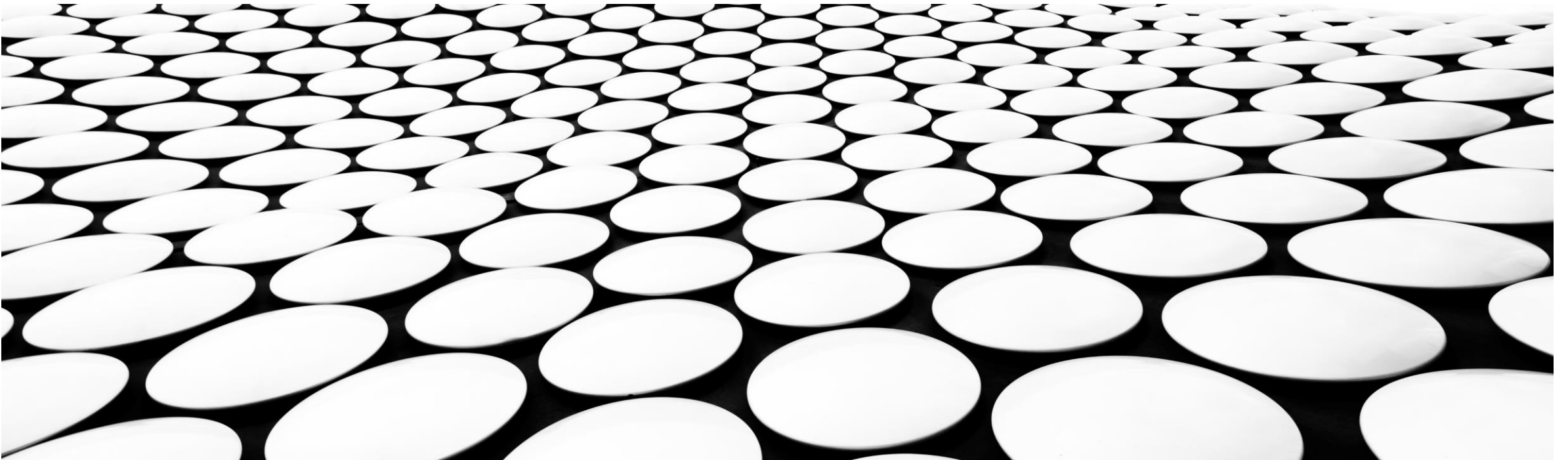
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## TODAYS AGENDA

- Lunch – Pasta, Breadsticks, Salad and treats
- Anyone New – Get to know
- Go Fish!
- Proclaim – Making disciples of all people
- Small Group...
- Bring it all together
- What is next?

## INTRODUCTIONS – ANYONE NEW – PLEASE STAND UP

- Name
- Grade
- School
- If you could only eat one type of pizza for the rest of your life – what would it be?



# GO FISH! - DISCIPLESHIP

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Prayer is a vital element of our life in Christ

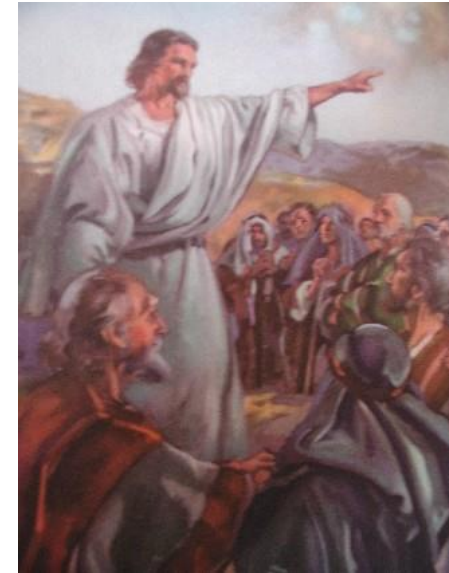
**Free Will** - The ability given to us by God to make choices without coercion.

**Disciple** - One who sits at the feet of a teacher and learns from him/her.

**Conversion** - A change of heart and mind

God's message to you today...

Go therefore and  
make disciples of  
all nations...



**Vocal Prayer** - Spoken conversation with God.

**Meditative Prayer** - Focused prayer involving thought, imagination, emotion, and desires.

**Contemplative Prayer** - Intimate focus on something outside of ourselves, such as God

# GO FISH!

- Like hot potato... but with a fish





BE LIKE CHRIST...

KNOW

CHRIST PERSONALLY

GROW

WITH CHRIST INTIMATELY

SHOW

CHRIST PASSIONATELY

Our call to be like Christ is a call to holiness, a life set apart by our faith and works.



You have the gift to choose your ways... Free will!

"If a thing is free to be good it is also free to be bad. And free will is what has made evil possible. Why, then, did God give them free will? Because free will, though it makes evil possible, is also the only thing that makes possible any love or goodness or joy worth having."

- C.S. Lewis,  
The Shocking Alternative,  
"Mere Christianity"



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...To be more like Christ or go the way of the world...

you can not show what you do not know

# TO KNOW JESUS...

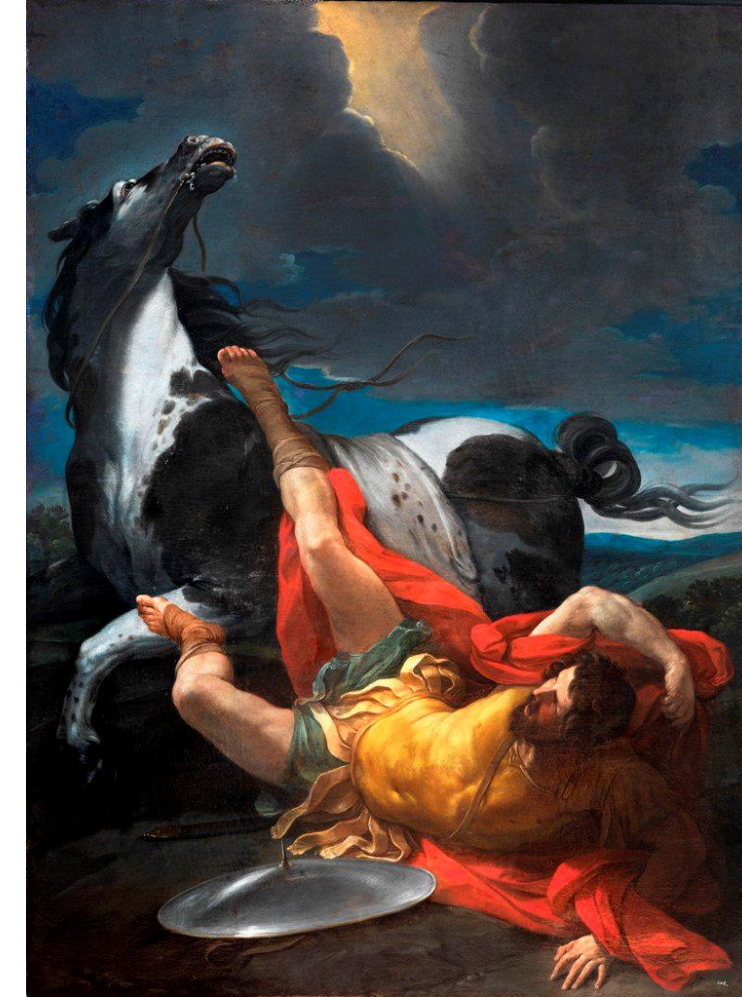
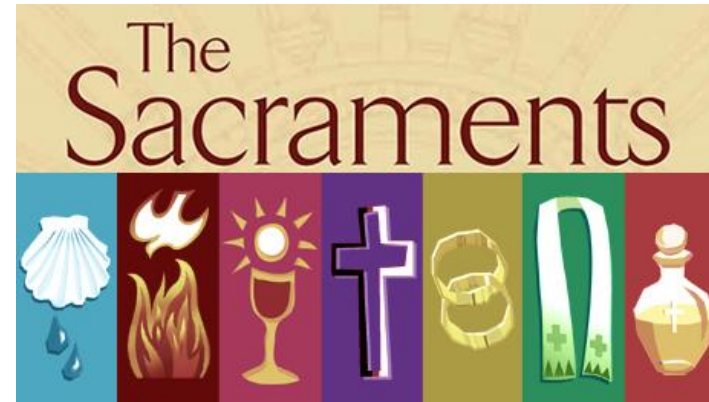
It is not enough to know ABOUT Jesus...



A disciple sits at the feet of a teacher and imitates his or her actions. That means we pay close attention to Jesus' words and actions.



It is not enough to know the teachings of Jesus and the Catholic Church – we need interior conversion, or a profound change of heart and mind. His words have to affect the way we live, think, speak, and act.



To be a disciple, one must experience interior conversion, especially through the help of the sacraments.



# NEVER-ENDING/DEEPENING RELATIONSHIP... Prayer is a vital element of our life in Christ.

vocal prayer, or words spoken aloud to God



Meditative prayer is a focus of our thoughts and imagination connecting to God on a deeper mental level



8 KEYS TO PRAYER			
<p>PREPARE YOUR MIND AND HEART. ASK FOR THE PRESENCE OF THE HOLY SPIRIT.</p>	<p>DON'T USE "FANCY" WORDS. BE SINCERE AND SPONTANEOUS.</p>	<p>LOOK FOR A SUITABLE PLACE TO PRAY. E.G. ADORATION.</p>	<p>CONCENTRATION REQUIRES DISCIPLINE: TRAIN YOURSELF TO CONCENTRATE.</p>
<p>THE QUALITY OF YOUR PRAYER IS IMPORTANT, EVEN IF IT'S SHORT.</p>	<p>PRAY FREQUENTLY SO YOU GAIN THE HABIT OF RECOLLECTION.</p>	<p>SEEK FOR SILENCE, BOTH INTERIOR AND EXTERIOR.</p>	<p>DISTRACTIONS ARE INEVITABLE. IGNORE THEM.</p>

All prayer requires effort and commitment, it won't be perfect, but our attempt to love God is pleasing to Him and fruitful for us.

Do we have the courage to live a life set apart as Jesus's disciples? Are we willing to undergo conversion and make a sacrifice of praise with our lives?

Contemplative prayer is an intimate gaze upon God Himself.



## LET'S LEARN FROM A SAINT...

If you think it is hard for us... imagine being one of the twelve (they didn't even know ABOUT Jesus).

[Luke 5:1-11](#)

- **Call to holiness.** Peter had a personal encounter with Jesus. Peter listened to Jesus' teaching and was willing to "cast out into the deep."
  - We cannot be a disciple of someone we do not know. Do you feel like you don't really know Jesus? Have you personally encountered Him and felt His love for you?
- **Conversion.** After his initial encounter with Christ, Peter recognized himself as a sinful man. Peter knew he had to make changes before he could completely follow Christ.
  - Do you desire to follow Jesus but struggle with serious sins? Are you scared to make big changes in order to follow Christ? What would it cost you?
- **Prayer.** Jesus reassured Peter and told him he had a new mission for him. At that moment, Peter dared to drop his nets (leave what he had known) and follow Christ. But this would not be easy; Peter would need the constant support and guidance of Christ.
  - It is the same for us. We need support as we follow Christ. We need prayer. We need to be in union with the One we are following. Are you attracted to holiness and order your life toward Jesus, only to sometimes question why?



# SMALL GROUP – BECOMING A DISCIPLE OF CHRIST

- **Call to Holiness:**
  - Do you believe God knows you personally and desires a relationship with you? Why or why not?
  - Do you want a real relationship with Christ now? Why or why not?
  - What is one thing you can do this week to open your heart to an encounter with Christ? To “put out into the deep?”
- **Conversion:**
  - What is one of the biggest obstacles keeping you from following Christ?
  - What are your hesitations about giving up sinful habits or behaviors to follow Christ?
  - What is one thing you can do this week to acknowledge your sin and take a step closer to Christ?
- **Prayer:**
  - Why is prayer an important part of being a disciple of Christ?
  - Describe your prayer life right now. What makes prayer difficult for you?
  - What is one thing you can do this week to improve your prayer life and reconnect with God?

## BRING IT BACK TOGETHER – PRAYER TO THE HOLY SPIRIT

Holy Spirit of light and love,

You are the substantial love of the Father and the Son; hear my prayer.

Bounteous bestower of most precious gifts, grant me a strong and living faith, which makes me accept all revealed truths and shape my conduct in accordance with them.

Give me a most confident hope in all divine promises, which prompts me to abandon myself unreservedly to you and your guidance. Infuse into me a love of perfect goodwill, and act according to God's least desires. Make me love not only my friends but my enemies as well, in imitation of Jesus Christ, who, through you, offered Himself on the Cross for all people.

Holy Spirit, animate, inspire, and guide me, and help me always be a true follower of you. Amen





## UPCOMING EVENTS

- Next Friday – PARTY – April 19<sup>th</sup> – Games and Casino Night!
  - 6-8pm @ PLC – Pizza and Party
- No Life Teen April 21<sup>st</sup> – Off 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday
- Back on April 28<sup>th</sup> – 12:30pm-2pm in PLC
  - Guest lunch provided by Sterin and family
- Keep smiling, saying Yes to God, and have a great week
- We are here for you during the week also...
- you have a team now... Life Teen Marysville!

