

11-13-22 FOR THE JOURNEY THIS WEEK

“If we too offer Jesus all that we have, however humble, small, ridiculously inadequate it seems, he will work wonders with it.”

- *Deborah Smith Douglas*



Matthew 14:13-21 ✝ Matthew 25:35-40

Questions for Reflection —

- How do you best demonstrate your love for God? What does it look like for you to love God with your whole being—heart, soul, mind, body? What does it look like for you to love God with all that you have and all that you are—your material resources, your skills and talents, your spiritual gifts? Who are the neighbors God is calling you to love? What does it look for you to love those neighbors? What will enable you to fully manifest God’s love to those neighbors?

- When have you seen a small act of sharing lead to a greater abundance? What small act of sharing might you engage today in order to contribute to God’s blessings in the world? What can we do as a congregation to multiply God’s blessings in the world? In what ways have you received blessings that went beyond your imagining? What spiritual practices will help you be more aware of the quiet everyday miracles in your life?

- What persons would you identify as the least, the last, the lonely, and the lost among us? What do you need in order to truly sense the presence of Jesus and see the image of God in those people? What does it look like to offer loving care to them? What will better enable you to see the needs of all people whom you encounter in your everyday life? What can you do to address those needs through action?

Daily Household Prayer

Lord our God, in Jesus Christ you have taught us that love is the fulfilling of the law. Send your Holy Spirit upon us, and pour into our hearts that most excellent gift of love, that we may love you with our whole being, and our neighbors as ourselves; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you in unity with the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.