Sunday Reading


Jesus said to his disciples: “When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, he will sit upon his glorious throne, and all the nations will be assembled before him. And he will separate them one from another, as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats. He will place the sheep on his right and the goats on his left. Then the king will say to those on his right, ‘Come, you who are blessed by my Father. Inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world. For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, a stranger and you welcomed me, naked and you clothed me, ill and you cared for me, in prison and you visited me.’ Then the righteous will answer him and say, ‘Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you drink? When did we see you a stranger and welcome you, or naked and clothe you? When did we see you ill or in prison, and visit you?’ And the king will say to them in reply, ‘Amen, I say to you, whatever you did for one of the least brothers of mine, you did for me.’ Then he will say to those on his left, ‘Depart from me, you accursed, into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels. For I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me no drink, a stranger and you gave me no welcome, naked and you gave me no clothing, ill and in prison, and you did not care for me.’ Then they will answer and say, ‘Lord, when did we see you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or ill or in prison, and not minister to your needs?’ He will answer them, ‘Amen, I say to you, what you did not do for one of these least ones, you did not do for me.’ And these will go off to eternal punishment, but the righteous to eternal life.”

Focus Questions

1. Where will the Son of Man come in His glory to sit and who will assemble around Him?
2. How will the Son of Man separate those assembled before Him?
3. What do those on the right inherit?
4. List three things the Son of Man said the righteous did for Him.
5. How does the Son of Man respond when the righteous say that they do not
remember doing these things for Him?

6. How does the Son of Man respond to those on His left when they say they did not see Him to respond to His needs?
Corporal and Spiritual Works of Mercy

Directions: Work together in small groups to provide two specific examples of what you can do to live out each of the Corporal and Spiritual Works of Mercy.

For example:

**Feed the Hungry:**

*Not an acceptable answer:*
  1. Give a hungry person soup.
  2. Give a homeless man money.

*Acceptable answer:*
  1. Volunteer once a month at the soup kitchen.
  2. Bring an extra lunch for my friend whose family is having financial trouble and cannot afford to send him lunch every day.

**Instruct the Ignorant:**

*Not an acceptable answer:*
  1. Teach someone something.
  2. Help someone with homework.

*Acceptable answer:*
  1. Explain clearly and with love the Church’s teaching on abortion to my friend who says she is pro-choice.
  2. Invite my friend who has never been to Mass to join me next week, and take time to kindly explain to him what is going on during all the different parts of Mass.

**Corporal Works of Mercy**

Feed the hungry

1. ____________________________________________________________

2. ____________________________________________________________
Give drink to the thirsty
1. _______________________________________________________________________
2. _______________________________________________________________________

Clothe the naked
1. _______________________________________________________________________
2. _______________________________________________________________________

Shelter the homeless
1. _______________________________________________________________________
2. _______________________________________________________________________

Visit the sick
1. _______________________________________________________________________
2. _______________________________________________________________________

Visit the imprisoned
1. _______________________________________________________________________
2. _______________________________________________________________________
Bury the dead
1. __________________________________________________________________________
   __________________________________________________________________________
2. __________________________________________________________________________
   __________________________________________________________________________

Spiritual Works of Mercy

Admonish the sinner
1. __________________________________________________________________________
   __________________________________________________________________________
2. __________________________________________________________________________
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Instruct the ignorant
1. __________________________________________________________________________
   __________________________________________________________________________
2. __________________________________________________________________________
   __________________________________________________________________________

Counsel the doubtful
1. __________________________________________________________________________
   __________________________________________________________________________
2. __________________________________________________________________________
   __________________________________________________________________________

Comfort the sorrowful
1. __________________________________________________________________________
   __________________________________________________________________________
2. __________________________________________________________________________
   __________________________________________________________________________
Bear wrongs patiently
1. ________________________________________________________________
2. ________________________________________________________________

Forgive all injuries
1. ________________________________________________________________
2. ________________________________________________________________

Pray for the living and the dead
1. ________________________________________________________________
2. ________________________________________________________________