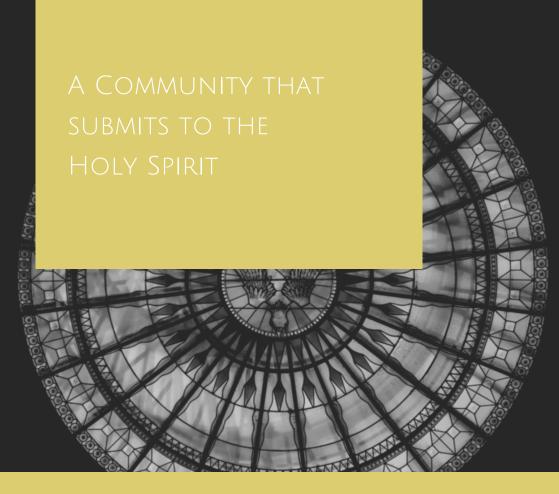


WEEK THREE





PROCEDURE

- 1) Everyone will pray the opening prayer and sing the hymn: 'Go tell everyone'.
- 2) The scripture texts should be read at least twice.
- 3) The reflection is read and after some silence, those gathered will share on the scripture text and the reflection.
- 4) Someone should record the discussion in general terms and then email it to the members who are absent.
- 5) The session ends with a prayer being prayed by everyone in the group.
- **6)** The time and place for the next meeting should be announced.



OPENING PRAYER

Loving Father,

Jesus your Son said that we will not be left as orphans in this world.

You gave us the Holy Spirit to be our constant guide in this world that is filled with distractions.

We thank you for your ever-abiding presence through the Holy Spirit who constantly directs us to walk in the ways of Jesus in order to give you glory and praise.

True discipleship can only happen through the Holy Spirit who makes us your sons and daughters.

For this great gift, we thank you through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.



WELCOME

Let us wish one another the peace of the Lord.

We spend a few moments asking everyone to express what we think about mission and mission work.



READINGS

We read Acts 8: 25-39.

In this passage we see how Philip was submissive to the Holy Spirit and was instrumental to the conversion of the Ethiopian.



THOUGHTS

We become children of God through our Baptism, and it is at the Baptism that most of us receive the Holy Spirit.

If you read the Acts of the Apostles, there were those who had received the Holy Spirit before their Baptism. The journey as a Christian is difficult if we are not inspired by the Holy Spirit, for it is the Holy Spirit that knows the way to God our Father. It is the Holy Spirit that directs the Christian who gives permission to the Holy Spirit to lead.

When there is fear and if we allow to the fear to consume us, the opening to the Holy Spirit is blocked. When there is fear in speaking about Jesus, the Holy Spirit cannot guide us as this fear leads us to think about ourselves more than to think about what we can do for God our Father.



REFLECTIONS

What is the fear that is keeping you from speaking to others about Jesus Christ?

How long has this fear been with you and what have you done about this fear?



TAKE HOME

Where there is fear of others, the fear of God (respect for God) is lost.



DOING YOUR BIT

Carry out the mission project that the community had planned.

Approach that one lapsed Catholic you had identified and continue praying for that person.



CLOSING PRAYER

Loving Father,

you are pleased when we are submissive to your great plan of salvation for our souls,

and especially when we allow the Holy Spirit to take control of our thoughts, words, and deeds.

We can only truly please you through the movements of the Holy Spirit within us and there is nothing more that we can do than to allow the Holy Spirit to direct us.

Thank you, Father, through Jesus our Lord.

Amen.

