

Week 12

'Oh, dear Lord, three things I pray: to see thee more clearly, love thee more dearly, follow thee more nearly—day by day.'

From *Godspell*

Sing silently or out loud throughout the week

In my own words, what I ask is . . .



God loved the people of this world so much that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who has faith in him will have eternal life and never really die. -John 3:16

Reading

Brackley – 6. Rules for Discernment pp. 45-54

Can I trust my feelings as a reliable guide for making decisions?

[Important note: There is an error on p. 46, 7 lines from bottom: “former” should read “latter” and “latter” should read “former.”]

Creighton – 12. God’s Compassion Missions Jesus pp. 89-94

Suggestions

Ponder the “mystery” (which means something wonderful beyond our full comprehension) of the Incarnation: God enters completely into our “fleshness,” our human condition, in Jesus. Why? Because God wanted to be one of us, unbelievably close to us, compassionate with us.

Re-read “In These or Similar Words” (pp. 93-94) and whenever you are moved, stop and stay there, repeating that part in your own words to you and God.

Scripture

John 1:1-18, especially verse 14

Summing up the week: The Incarnation is a reality “too good to be true.”

Journaling: Write about anything from reading, praying, scripture that you want to hold on to.

Group Meeting: From praying the Sp. Exs. this week, what do you want to bring to the group?