



Come & See Year 5 – Go Make Disciples

LECTIO DIVINA

LENT WEEK 3

1. Opening Prayer

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen

Come Holy Spirit, open our hearts and minds to receive the word of God. We ask this in Jesus' name. Amen

Prayer from the Mass for the Third Sunday of Lent:



Let us pray to the Father and ask him to form a new heart within us: God of all compassion, Father of all goodness, to heal the wounds our sins and selfishness bring upon us you bid us turn to fasting, prayer and sharing with our brothers and sisters. We acknowledge our sinfulness, our guilt is ever before us: when our weakness causes discouragement, let your compassion fill us with hope and lead us through a Lent of repentance to the beauty of Easter Joy. Grant this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

2. Reading the text: Ask someone to read the gospel. Allow time for silent reflection, then ask another person to read the same gospel (preferably a male if the first reader was female or vice versa).

A reading from the Gospel of St. Luke 13:1-9

Some people arrived and told Jesus about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mingled with that of their sacrifices. At this he said to them, 'Do you suppose these Galileans who suffered like that were greater sinners than any other Galileans? They were not, I tell you. No; but unless you repent you will all perish as they did. Or those eighteen on whom the tower at Siloam fell and killed them? Do you suppose that they were more guilty than all the other people living in Jerusalem? They were not, I tell you. No; but unless you repent you will all perish as they did.'

He told this parable: 'A man had a fig tree planted in his vineyard and he came looking for fruit on it but found none. He said to the man who looked after the vineyard, 'Look here, for three years now I have

been coming to look for fruit on this fig tree and finding none. Cut it down: why should it be taking up the ground?’ ‘Sir,’ the man replied ‘leave it one more year and give me time to dig round it and manure it: it may bear fruit next year; if not, then you can cut it down.’

3. Reflecting on the text

- Ponder the words and phrases in silence
- What kind of text is this? (parable, miracle, encounter, healing, teaching etc.)
- Look at the people and events in the story
- Speak out any words or phrases that strike you (without having to say why)

4. Participation: Moving from in that time (*in illo tempore*) to in this time (*in hoc tempore*), share your thoughts on:

- *What is the Lord saying to me through the text?*
- *What is the Lord saying in relation to issues in the Church, in the world, and in my life?*
- *Does the text inspire, console, question, direct?*

5. Finish the sentence: *In this passage God is...*

6. Praying out of the text: *Lord, in the light of this text...*

7. Conclude by praying the *Our Father*

