



St. Peter Claver Catholic Community
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Advent 2020: Bible Study on Purpose via Zoom: Seek the Gift of Jesus! Healing the Racial Divide [Reflections on The Word with Purpose; John 8:32-33]



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1st Week of Advent: Wednesday, December 2, 2020 at 1:00 pm via Zoom
repeated Friday, December 4, 2020 at 6:30 pm via Zoom



JUSTICE: Aware of Our Center: Fraternaliti (Brothers & Sisters on Mission)

1. Opening Prayer
2. Introduction: What do we need for Bible Study on Purpose?
3. Eucharist as the Bread of Life – Jn 6:60-71
 - a. Focus on Eucharist – Center of Justice
 - b. Unconditional commitment to the “Bread of Life”
v.67 – Jesus then said to the twelve, “Do you also want to leave?”
 - c. Where do we find Bread being used in the Hebrew Scriptures? Gen. 14:18-20.
 - d. King of Justice, King of Peace: Heb 7:1-3 – St. Paul, a Jew, explains to fellow Jews the priesthood of Melchizedek
4. Ambassadors of unity to a divided nation
 - a. Faith Teaching: Healing of Division – Eph 2:11-16
 - b. Moral Teaching: Marriage – Eph 5:21 – 33
 - c. Racial Divide – Not to be accepted
5. Sharing an experience of division - Venerable Father Augustus Tolton – Brief Life Story
 - a. Division of Slavery – Baptismal Record
 - b. Friends and Foes
 - c. Fr. Tolton’s life asks us some challenging questions.
 - i. Can we make room in our own parishes for people who seem different from us?
 - ii. Can we make room in our homes and in our hearts for people who speak a different language?
 - iii. “Open the doors,” Fr. Tolton would say. “Let God widen your hearts.”
6. The Word to Heal – Luke 10:1-11
 - a. To Bring to Others – Equity is the Key
 - b. Where do I see division? Where do we see division?
 - c. What do I want to do about it? What do we want to do about it?
7. Closing Prayer



Venerable Father Augustus Tolton