

Dear Parents,

I am thinking of you and your family as the children return to school and many of you are back to working at home. I am also aware that some of you are currently not working. Please know that my prayers are will all of you and I hope you are all staying well.

Let's pray together this week for:

- For all of us, that we continue to be the very best we can be
- For world leaders that they continue to work towards peace in the world
- For people who do not have enough food and are lacking close friendships
- For our parish community that we share our faith, hope and love with others

Please make sure that you work regularly on the lesson plans. The lesson plan this week is to complete the exercise in their duo tang and cover the chapter in their work book.

The chapter to cover in their "Be My Disciples" book this week is:

- Level One – Chapter 9
- Level Two – Chapter 9
- Level Three – Chapter 10
- Level Four – Chapter 8
- Level Five – Chapter 12
- Level Six – Chapter 12

You will find below the duo tang masters that show different questions than those you received in your duo tang. Remember, the questions to be answered are those in the duo-tang you received at book pick-up, not the questions on the masters below. I encourage you to use the questions below to open a dialogue with your child.

The prayer service this week can be found at <https://worship.pastoral.center/day/2021-01-17>

Feel free to email me if you have any questions.

Have a Blessed week!

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# Spend Time With Him First

*This Week's Readings at Mass*

- ▶ Samuel 3:3b-10, 19 - Revelation to Samuel
- ▶ 1 Corinthians 6:13c-15a, 17-20 - Against sexual immorality
- ▶ John 1:35-42 - The first disciples

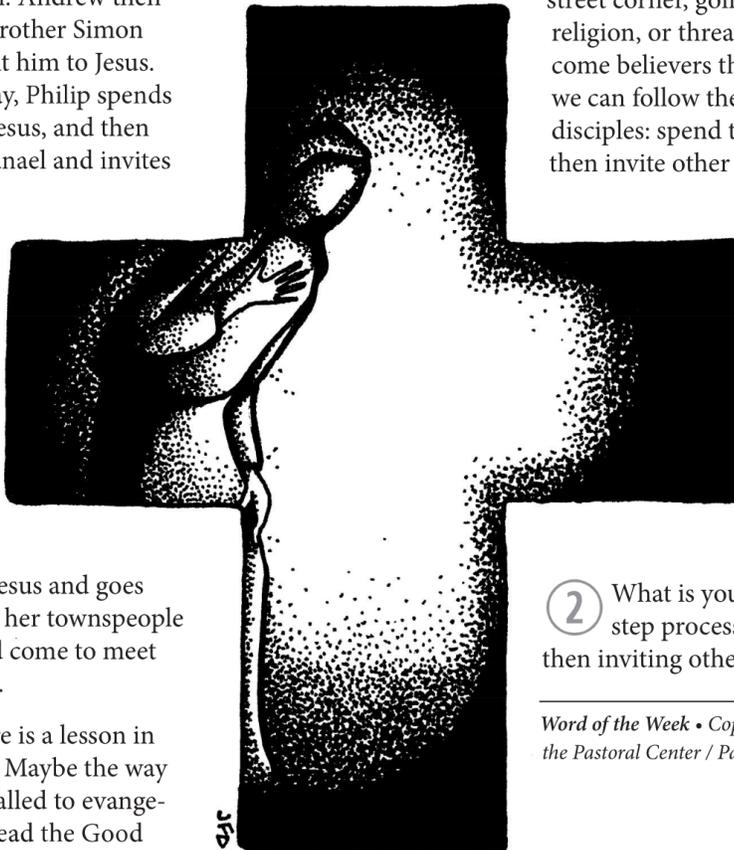
The stories of discipleship in John's gospel follow a pattern. People come to Jesus, are brought to him, or are introduced to him by someone they know. They spend time with him for a while. They talk with him, listen to his teachings, and watch how he lives his life. Once they have spent some time with him, they go and bring others to him so that they can meet him. The cycle continues.

We see this pattern in today's gospel when Andrew and another unnamed person spend time with Jesus

after John the Baptist introduced them. Andrew then found his brother Simon and brought him to Jesus. The next day, Philip spends time with Jesus, and then finds Nathanael and invites him to come meet Jesus. A couple of chapters later the woman at the well

talks with Jesus and goes away to tell her townspeople they should come to meet him as well.

Maybe there is a lesson in here for us. Maybe the way we are all called to evangelize—to spread the Good



News—isn't by preaching with a megaphone on a street corner, going door-to-door to talk about religion, or threatening that if people don't become believers they won't be saved. Maybe instead we can follow the two simple steps taken by the disciples: spend time with Jesus ourselves, and then invite other people to come and experience him for themselves.

## Questions of the Week

- 1 Have you ever thought of yourself as having a responsibility to share your faith with others? If so, what does that mean to you?
- 2 What is your reaction to this idea of a two-step process: spending time with Jesus and then inviting others to get to know him?