

Home Group Reading for November 5-11

24 Then Jesus told his disciples, "If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me. **25** For whoever would save his life[g] will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake will find it. **26** For what will it profit a man if he gains the whole world and forfeits his soul? Or what shall a man give in return for his soul? **27** For the Son of Man is going to come with his angels in the glory of his Father, and then he will repay each person according to what he has done. **28** Truly, I say to you, there are some standing here who will not taste death until they see the Son of Man coming in his kingdom." Matthew 16:24-28

St. Francis of Assisi: Make me an instrument of your peace

Lord, make me an instrument of your peace.

Where there is hatred, let me sow love;
where there is injury, pardon;
where there is doubt, faith;
where there is despair, hope;
where there is darkness, light;
and where there is sadness, joy.

O Divine Master, grant that I may not so much seek
to be consoled as to console;
to be understood as to understand;
to be loved as to love.
For it is in giving that we receive;
it is in pardoning that we are pardoned;
and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life.

Amen.

Reflection Questions

1. What 'parts of us' do we feel we are being led by the Spirit to let go of? (e.g. selfishness, drive for over-productivity, obsession with what others think about us, uncontrolled anger, pride etc?)
2. Who are you uniquely placed to love? (e.g. family, at school/work, neighbours etc?).
3. On Sunday, Vincent talked about how a centred-set church is one that is moving towards Jesus; moving towards Jesus means being his disciple by denying ourselves, picking up our crosses and following Jesus. What are your reactions, questions or feelings in response to this idea of church?