Growing FAITH at home

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FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST – PROPER 8

WELCOMING OTHERS

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CONVERSATIONS

Share your highs and lows, or respond to the following:

1. What does it mean to welcome someone?
2. Share about a time when you needed some help and someone was kind to you.

BIBLE READINGS

Read the following Bible readings throughout this week. Talk about what words or phrases stand out for you.

1st reading

Genesis 22:1-14
Abraham tested

2nd reading

Romans 6:12-23
Slaves to righteousness

Gospel reading

Matthew 10:40-42
Receiving and serving others

DISCUSS

God asks us to show our thanks to him by being kind, helpful and welcoming to others. What are some practical ways to do so?

ACTION RESPONSE

Invite a person or family from your church to join you for a meal. How will you welcome them? Remember that in serving them you are serving Christ!

PRAYER

Lord, open our hearts to welcome you today, and then to welcome others. Help us experience the full joy of serving others. Amen.

MEALTIME PRAYER

Lord God, thank you for blessing us. As we receive, make us ready to give. As you welcome us, make us ready to welcome others. Amen.

BLESSING

May God bless you with a giving, caring heart.

AND IF YOU GIVE EVEN A CUP OF COLD WATER TO ONE OF THE LEAST OF MY FOLLOWERS, YOU WILL SURELY BE REWARDED.

MATTHEW 10:42

VERSE OF THE WEEK