

Lectio Divina Format for Discussing Sunday Readings

1. The Call to Prayer

Leader: My friends, let's pause to spend a few moments in prayer and conversation with each other. [Lead all in the Sign of the Cross] + In the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

2. The Word of God

Leader: May the Lord be in our hearts as we listen to Reading 2 from next Sunday's Mass.

Leader or someone else reads "Reading 2" for the first time:

A reading from 1 Corinthians

(1 Corinthians: 9:16-19, 22-23)

Brothers and sisters:

If I preach the gospel, this is no reason for me to boast,
for an obligation has been imposed on me,
and woe to me if I do not preach it!

If I do so willingly, I have a recompense,
but if unwillingly, then I have been entrusted with a stewardship.

What then is my recompense?

That, when I preach,

I offer the gospel free of charge

so as not to make full use of my right in the gospel.

Although I am free in regard to all,

I have made myself a slave to all

so as to win over as many as possible.

To the weak I became weak, to win over the weak.

I have become all things to all, to save at least some.

All this I do for the sake of the gospel,

so that I too may have a share in it.

*Leader asks the group the following question
and then allows time for people to share.*

3. First Question - What word or phrase sticks out to you?

*After people have shared, Reading 2 is read again
and the 2nd question is asked and people share.*

4. Second Question - What does that word or phrase mean to you?

*After people have shared, Reading 2 is read for the last time
and the 3rd question is asked and people share.*

5. Third and Final Question - What comforts or challenges you about the word or phrase you chose?

*At the conclusion of the sharing, the leader invites the group to pray
(see below).*

6. The Prayer

Invite everyone to pray in one of the following ways:

- The Lord's Prayer out loud together
- Spontaneous prayers
- A moment of silent prayer
- Listen to a recorded hymn