

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 2 Corinthians

(2 Corinthians 5:17-21)

Brothers and sisters:

Whoever is in Christ is a new creation:

the old things have passed away;

behold, new things have come.

And all this is from God,

who has reconciled us to himself through Christ

and given us the ministry of reconciliation,

namely, God was reconciling the world to himself in Christ,

not counting their trespasses against them

and entrusting to us the message of reconciliation.

So we are ambassadors for Christ,

as if God were appealing through us.

We implore you on behalf of Christ,

be reconciled to God.

For our sake he made him to be sin who did not know sin,

so that we might become the righteousness of God in him.

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