

# 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 a reading from next Sunday's Gospel.

*Leader or someone else reads the Gospel for the first time:*

**A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke**

*(Luke 12:35-40)*

Jesus said to his disciples:

“Gird your loins and light your lamps and be like servants who await their master's return from a wedding, ready to open immediately when he comes and knocks.

Blessed are those servants

whom the master finds vigilant on his arrival.

Amen, I say to you, he will gird himself,

have the servants recline at table, and proceed to wait on them.

And should he come in the second or third watch

and find them prepared in this way, blessed are those servants.

Be sure of this:

if the master of the house had known the hour

when the thief was coming,

he would not have let his house be broken into.

You also must be prepared, for at an hour you do not expect, the Son of Man will come.”

## **The Gospel of the Lord**

*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, the Gospel is read again and the 2<sup>nd</sup> question is asked and people share.*

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

*After people have shared, the Gospel is read for the last time and the 3<sup>rd</sup> 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