

# Candidate and Sponsor Retreat

## Discipleship Love

Think about how you have responded to others with love (or lack of love). Use the following for your reflection.

### Matthew 25:31–40

“When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, then he will sit on the throne of his glory. All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep at his right hand and the goats at the left. Then the king will say to those at his right hand, ‘Come, you that are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world; for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me.’ Then the righteous will answer him, ‘Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry and gave you food, or thirsty and gave you something to drink? And when was it that we saw you naked and gave you clothing? And when was it that we saw you sick or in prison and visited you?’ And the king will answer them, ‘Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me.’”

### Mother Teresa of Calcutta

“Each person’s mission is a mission of love... Begin where you are, with the people closest to you. Make your homes centers of compassion and forgive endlessly. Let no one ever come to you without coming away better and happier... At the hour of death when we come face-to-face with God, we are going to be judged on love; not how much we have done, but how much love we put into the doing.”

### Dorothy Day, Catholic Worker Movement

“The greatest challenge of the day is: how to bring about revolution of the heart, a revolution which has to start with each one of us. When we begin to take the lowest place, to wash the feet of others, to love our brothers with that burning love, that passion, which led to the Cross, then we can truly say, ‘Now I have begun.’”

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## What will it cost me to be a disciple?

### Luke 19:1–10 Jesus and Zacchaeus

Read the Gospel story of Zacchaeus' conversion to Christ. Your group is asked to imagine that there is more to the story than the Gospel writer tells. Base your imagining on the following: What do you think Zacchaeus' family thinks of his conversion? He has given away half of what he has, how has that affected his wife and children, his neighbors, his co-workers?

Write a scenario for the character in the story. After writing the scene, film a five- to ten-minute video of your story.

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### Luke 10:38–42 Jesus Visits Martha and Mary

Read the Gospel story of Martha and Mary and the two ways to be a disciple of Jesus. Your group is asked to imagine that there is more to the story than the Gospel writer tells.

Base your imagining on the following: Imagine the conversation between Martha and Mary the next day after Jesus' visit. What have they learned about following Jesus with their particular gift? Will anything change when their friend Jesus visits again?

Write a scenario for the characters in the story. After writing the scene, film a five- to ten-minute video of your story.

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### Luke 8:40–41, 49–56 A Girl Restored to Life

Read the Gospel story of Jairus' daughter. Your group is asked to imagine that there is more to the story than the Gospel writer tells. What do you think the conversation was like when Jesus left the home? Imagine their joy at the miraculous event. What commitments do you think they might make as regards Jesus?

Write a scenario for the characters in the story. After writing the scene, film a five- to ten-minute video.

## **What will it cost me to be a disciple?** (continued)

### **Luke 8:42–48 A Woman Healed**

Read the Gospel story of Jesus' curing of the woman who but touched his cloak. Your group is asked to imagine that there is more to the story than the Gospel writer tells.

Imagine that there are two dinner conversations ensuing from this scene: one is of the woman who returns to her family cured, and her faith affirmed by Jesus; the other is among the disciples and Jesus at the end of the day, when they have escaped the crowds and are sharing the evening meal.

Write a scenario for the characters in the story. After writing the scene, film a five- to ten-minute video.

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## Table Fellowship

When you eat with someone, whether it is lunch together or a meal at home, you are building a relationship with that person. You learn a great deal about them and they about you. Sometimes meals together are planned with a purpose; at other times, they are casual and just a way of being together.

Consider these four Scripture passages that show how Jesus fed his followers. In some of the passages, Jesus feeds a great crowd and in others he is in a more intimate setting with his disciples. Today these passages may remind you of the Mass or some aspect of Jesus that you have come to appreciate. After hearing the passage, jot a note or two on this sheet to say what we learn about Jesus through his table fellowship.

Mark 6:34–44

Luke 22:14–20

John 21:9–17

Acts 2:42–47