

Handout 5: I Can Speak in the Light

Personal Reflection – Look

Look up the Scriptures that Pope Francis mentions in this passage from *The Joy of the Gospel*. Review as many as you are able.

- ❖ Matthew 28:16-20 (The Great Commission)
- ❖ John 1:35-51 (The Calling of the First Disciples)
- ❖ John 4:4-42 (Jesus and the Samaritan Woman)
- ❖ Acts 9:1-22 or Acts 22:1-21 (The Conversion of St. Paul)

Small Group Discussion Questions about the Scripture passages you just read:

- *What comes to mind when you hear the phrase “missionary disciples”? How does Scripture inform your sense of being a missionary disciple?*
- *Pope Francis asks: What are you waiting for? What keeps you from sharing Jesus the Word where you are?*

Where do we go from here?

We now transition to reflecting on what we feel called to do once the Speak in the Light journey is over.

Choose a partner and share around the questions below. This is your faith story so there is no right or wrong way to share it.

Share your personal story of faith with your partner:

- How have your encounters with Jesus in Scripture, service to others, participation in your parish community, loving your family and yourself led you to a deeper relationship with Jesus? What difference has Jesus made in your life? What struggles have you experienced along your faith journey?

Large group Sharing

Let’s talk about ways that we can be missionary disciples after Lent so that we may “speak in the Light” the Good News of Jesus Christ. Again, there are no right or wrong responses here. Consider these questions to help you frame your response:

- What have you heard in this study that others may like to hear?
- What opportunity for further study of Scripture and mission attracts you the most?
- What support will you need from the parish, your friends, or your family to follow-through on this next step?
- What is one way, given your talents, time and energy that you can “Speak in the Light” to share with others the Good News of Jesus Christ that you are living? Who is in need of the love of Christ?

Please complete the **Speak in the Light** survey by following this link:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/SpeakintheLight> .

Closing Prayer

As a sign that you are open to Speak in the Light, with tenderness and mercy, let us pray together:

God of mercy and love, we have chosen to journey with you this Lent by creating a new pattern, a new habit of looking for you in Scripture, prayer, the food we eat, in practicing generosity and penance. We know that you have journeyed with us because you love us and you focus on who we are – not on the mistakes we have made. We ask humbly that you journey with us again through Holy Week, through Jesus' death and resurrection and that you help us to see that death is not the end and that our hope lies in you.

We offer up our hopes to you as we listen for your call, commending these hopes to the Holy Spirit in all of the ways God yearns to work in our lives.

And so we pray the prayer Jesus taught us:

Our Father,
who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name;
thy kingdom come;
thy will be done
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses
as we forgive those who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
Amen.

Let us pray for each other on this journey, especially those who need and desire a change of heart on this pilgrimage to Easter joy.