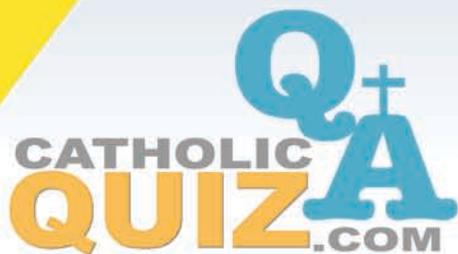


Build the language of faith!



CatholicQuiz of the Week™ Part B

13th Sunday in Ordinary Time

June 27, 2010

Reflection and Discussion

Each of the readings of this Sunday helps us to understand what it means to be a disciple. The Gospel indicates what it means to follow Christ. According to St. Luke, to follow Christ requires a complete commitment and an undistracted focus on building the kingdom of God. For St. Paul, to be a disciple means to experience a new freedom *to love your neighbor as yourself*.

For St. Paul, freedom literally meant that people were not required to observe specific rituals and rules of the law of Moses, especially when these distracted them from living the Gospel. Even the uncircumcised Gentiles could be followers of Christ and live according to a new Spirit. This Spirit freed people from the slavery of sin and the burden of religious ritualism, enabling them to dedicate themselves completely and freely to the service of love. We should reflect on the meaning of discipleship today for our own lives:

- What does it mean today to be a follower of Jesus?
- Does the freedom of faith remove responsibility or increase it in our lives? How so?
- What does the Gospel mean when it asks us to leave everything behind to follow Christ?
- What distracts or hinders me from being a faithful and effective disciple today?
- What motivates and strengthens me to be a focused and undistracted follower of Christ?

Faith in Christ challenges us to live our lives according to his Holy Spirit. We nourish this Spirit by hearing the Word of God, actively praying each day, receiving the sacraments (especially the Eucharist) and by dedicating our everyday work to service of neighbor no matter the cost. This is discipleship today. Are we living up to the challenge or not?

Answers and References

1. b. Elisha (1 Kings 19:16b)
2. a. True (1 Kings 19:20)
3. c. inheritance (Psalm 16:6)
4. a. False (Galatians 5:18)
5. b. Jerusalem (Luke 9:51)
6. a. Samaria (Luke 9:54)
7. a. True (Luke 9:57-62)

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