



Living the Faith Step 6

Review of Living the Faith Steps:

Living the Faith: *The recent steps travelled, were designed to help deepen understanding of the strength of God's love, the meaning of Jesus death and resurrection and how as disciples, we are called to continue his mission, drawing close to God in the process. Please respond to the Questions on the sheet, and feel free to make additional notes in your journal.*

- **Step 1:** We reflected on the experience of being received into the Church and of the post resurrection experiences of the disciples.
Consider:
 - *which of the stories: The Risen Christ speaking to the women, Thomas needing proof to believe, The miraculous catch of fish, the meeting with Jesus on the road to Emmaus; made the greatest impact on you and for what reason?*
 - *collectively how have these stories deepened understanding of the Resurrection of Jesus and belief in the love and power of God? Try to be specific.*

- **Step 2:** We looked at the role of obedience and trust in life, and in faith, the events surrounding the Ascension and the power of forgiveness and the promise of the Holy Spirit.
Consider:
 - *how has your view on, or approach to obedience and trust changed in response to the activities and conversations we engaged in?*
 - *how has your understanding of and belief in the Ascension of the Lord changed?*
 - *how might your appreciation of the importance of forgiveness in society have changed?*

- **Step 3:** We focused on the coming of the Holy Spirit, the waiting needed, and the strength the disciples ultimately received.
Consider:
 - *how has your understanding of Pentecost and its importance in the development of the early Church grown?*
 - *has your attitude or approach to waiting changed in response to our reflections?*
 - *since receiving the sacraments do you feel that the power of the Holy Spirit is truly with you – if so can you give a concrete example?*
 - *are you now more conscious of the Gifts of the Holy Spirit and how you might cultivate these?*

- **Step 4:** The three-fold Mission of Jesus was unpacked, and our involvement in continuing the mission explored, in particular through the role of peacemaker.
Consider:

- *how well you have an understanding of the Priestly, Prophetic and Kingly roles of Christ, shared by the baptized?*
 - *which of these might you feel most comfortable with, is there one you really need to work on?*
 - *how are you trying to actively develop your role as a peacemaker or see through other actions identified for yourself?*
- **Step 5:** We explored the different ways that God intended creation to live in harmony and some of the ways individuals and society work against this.
- Consider:*
- *how well have you established prayer routines to help build the relationship with God?*
 - *what changes you have made to better nurture yourself, diet, exercise, sleep, TV or computer watching etc.*
 - *without becoming overburdened, what can you do to respond to the needs of family members, friends, those in need of support in our society or the world at large.*
 - *are you managing to maintain the actions decided upon to enable greater care of the planet? If not what steps need to be taken?*

The Next Steps

The next Steps: *The commissioning service today launches you as a fully fledged disciple of Jesus. However, just as in any life or work situation there are always times when support is needed, especially in the early days, or if when difficulties arise. While you may have already pondered or put a few things in place for yourself, we would love you to share these. Consider what you will do to continue your growth in faith through engagement with the 5 areas of relationship the rClyp process is designed to nurture. Are there practical ways we could assist?*

- ***Relationship with God***
- ***Relationship with Scripture***
- ***Engagement with the liturgical life of the Church***
- ***Engagement with the Church Community***
- ***Engagement in the Missionary activity of the Church***

- **The next steps:** *consider if any of these may appeal*
 - *Receive Exploring the Word – weekly reflections on the Gospels (3 months then review)*
 - *Meeting monthly after Sunday Mass to reflect on the Gospel together*
 - *Come together in three months, in six months and in 12 months, time to rekindle friendships and check how individuals are doing and respond to any issues or questions that have arisen.*
 - *Attend Reconciliation Services together during Advent / Lent*
 - *Meet people involved in different ministries to learn more about these*

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