

GATHER 10

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS Week of May 5, 2024

This week's discussion questions are based on the First Reading found at Acts of the Apostles 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48 and on the Gospel found at John 15:9-17

- ✚ In the First Reading, when Peter met Cornelius, Cornelius fell down at Peter's feet and worshiped him. But Peter raised him up, saying, "Stand up! I myself am also a man." Cornelius takes the safe course by giving Peter more honor than necessary rather than less, which may have proved embarrassing. Have you ever experienced someone putting you on a pedestal? How did you deal with it?
- ✚ Do you put Father Walsh, Father Daniel and/or Deacon Marty on a pedestal? In what way? To what extent is that appropriate?
- ✚ St. Peter also says in the First Reading, "In truth, I see that God shows no partiality." If this is the case, how is it that some people seem to be more "graced" than others? How do you think God regards you in comparison to those "graced" people? How do you think you should compare yourself to them?
- ✚ The Gospel reveals the greatest commandment given by Jesus, ". . . love one another as I love you." Describe the difference from obedience to earn love and obedience as a response to love.
- ✚ What loving sacrifices are you making in your relationships with others right now? How do you feel about this?
- ✚ Is there any situation in your life that is causing you to question the love of God? How would you counter those doubts?
- ✚ Jesus says in the Gospel, "Remain in my love." What does this mean to you?

Prayer Intentions