



SMALL GROUP QUESTIONS

28th Sunday in Ordinary Time



Isaiah 25:6-10a

What words, phrases, or images stand out to you the most in this passage?

In your daily life, where do you find yourself looking for "salvation" or comfort instead of God (e.g., control, success, distractions)?

St Augustine famously said: "The new is in the old concealed; the old is in the new revealed. How is this reality of faith in God accomplished in God?"

Psalms 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6

Dark valleys (or the valley of the shadow of death) are inevitable in this life. Can you share a time when you walked through a spiritual, emotional, or physical "dark valley"? How did you experience God's presence there?

Is an "overflowing cup" signifies radical abundance. Do you live your faith with a mindset of abundance (gratitude, generosity) or scarcity (fear, comparison)? What is one blessing causing your cup to overflow right now?

Philippians 4:12-14, 19-20

Saint Paul mentions he has learned the "secret" of facing both abundance and want. Based on the verses that follow, what is that secret?

Verse 13 ("I can do all things...") is one of the most famous verses in the Bible, but it is often misused to mean "I can achieve any personal goal I set." Looking at the verses right before it, what is the actual context of Paul's strength?

We often say or hear phrases like "To our God and Father be glory for ever and ever" during the Liturgy (the Mass). How does connecting Paul's words to the Mass change how you view your daily struggles?

Collect

O God, who manifest your almighty power above all by pardoning and showing mercy,
bestow, we pray, your grace abundantly upon us
and make those hastening to attain your promises
heirs to the treasures of heaven.

Gospel

Matthew 22:1-14

How does this part of the parable challenge our own views on who is "worthy" to receive God's grace or belong in our parish communities?

How do we sometimes "refuse to come" or take God's invitation for granted in our daily, busy lives?

Jesus concludes with, "Many are invited, but few are chosen." How does this warning inspire us to cooperate with God's grace rather than presumption?