

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew (10:37-42)

Jesus said to his apostles:

“Whoever loves father or mother more than me is not worthy of me, and whoever loves son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me;

and whoever does not take up his cross and follow after me is not worthy of me.

Whoever finds his life will lose it, and whoever loses his life for my sake will find it.

“Whoever receives you receives me, and whoever receives me receives the one who sent me.

Whoever receives a prophet because he is a prophet will receive a prophet’s reward, and whoever receives a righteous man because he is a righteous man will receive a righteous man’s reward.

And whoever gives only a cup of cold water to one of these little ones to drink because the little one is a disciple—amen, I say to you, he will surely not lose his reward.”

Let’s read this in the context of hospitality.... What are you willing to give up for the sake of others? How can you set aside personal preferences in order to welcome guests, neighbors, and foreigners into your home?

Are you grateful for the hospitality that other’s show you? Are you willing to have others serve you as host/ hostess?

The Gospel of the Lord.

1) Have you ever had an important member of your community over to your house? How did you treat them? Did you practice good hospitality? Now imagine that you are having Jesus over for a meal. How might you prepare for his coming to your house? How would you make him feel welcome? You can use the dialogue sheet to have a conversation with Jesus about this meditation.

2) Remember a time you were a guest at someone else’s house? Did it go well? How did they make you feel welcome? Take a moment to pray for those people who have been gracious enough to welcome you into their homes. Pray for their salvation and their happiness. You can use the dialogue sheet to have a conversation with Jesus about your meditation.

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