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Learning and Growing through the Lectionary Readings

Here is a simple process you can use to take the message of the Sunday Gospel reading and apply them to your lives as individuals and families.

Prayer

Light a candle recalling its symbolism of the presence of Jesus, Light of the World, in our midst and then pray:

As we light this candle let us pray. Lord Jesus Christ, you came among us to show us how to live. Your words and deeds are recorded in the Scriptures and have been passed on to us through the ages by people of faith who have gone before us and by the traditions that we practice. We believe that you are with us now. Help us to be open to your Word today so that we may hear the message that you intend for us. May we be both affirmed and challenged by your Word. Amen.

Reading

Read the Sunday Gospel reading. Ask each person to repeat words or phrases that struck them as they listened. Think about what Jesus might be saying to us in this passage. Is God affirming us in some way? Is God giving us a challenge? After a few minutes, share your reflections.

Practice

What actions can we (or I) take during the coming week to put into practice the message of Jesus found in the Gospel reading? Decide upon individual and household actions that you will take.

Prayer

Pray the Our Father and then conclude with the following prayer of thanksgiving.

Lord, God, we thank you for giving us your Holy Spirit to lead and guide us according to your Word. Be with us as we strive to put into practice the example you gave us by your life.