Ethics for Congregations
Bible Study #4

Instructions

Rather than expect one person to be an expert in reading the Bible, we believe the Holy Spirit guides each of us to understand the scriptures together.

This Bible study is designed so that small groups of 3-5 people will prayerfully listen to and discuss the passage. The passage will be read a total of three times by a different person in the group. A focusing question has been provided to guide the conversation after each reading.

2 Corinthians 8:1-7

We want you to know, brothers and sisters, about the grace of God that has been granted to the churches in Macedonia; for during a severe ordeal of affliction, their abundant joy and their extreme poverty have overflowed in a wealth of generosity on their part. For, as I can testify, they voluntarily gave according to their means, and even beyond their means, begging us earnestly for the privilege of sharing in the mist ministry to the saints--and this, not merely as we expected; they gave themselves first to the Lord and, by the will of God, to us, so that we might urge Titus that,

Discussion Questions

First Reading— What word, phrase, or image stands out to you?

Second Reading— Why are good deeds so important for the Christian community?

Third Reading— What are you invited to do, be, or change through this passage?