

NEXT STEP: STUDY & SHARE

READINGS

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PRAYER OF THE DAY

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LISTENING TO . . .

GOD- *Christian life is rooted in the Father, Son, & Holy Spirit*

1. Compare & contrast the Transfiguration lessons with those of Epiphany. (*Isaiah 60:1-6; Psalm 72:1-7, 10-14; Ephesians 3:1-12; Matthew 2:1-12; see also Our Lord's Presentation (Candlemas) Malachi 3:1-4; Psalm 84; Hebrews 2:14-18; Luke 2:22-40*). How do they work together to give a fuller, clearer picture of Jesus?
2. *V31* speaks of Jesus' departure, his *exodus* in the Greek. What makes that terminology fitting for the last Sunday before Ash Wednesday & Lent? What does calling it his *exodus* add to the story?

EACH OTHER- *Sharing & growing with our brothers & sisters in Christ*

3. Read *vv23-27*. Jesus plainly tells us he is our first priority (*cf. 1st Commandment**). Read also *vv51-53*; Jesus is clear that his first priority leads to the cross (*cf. 22:42*). How does everyday discipleship (incl. daily Bible reading & prayer, weekly worship & offerings) move you from "my will" to "thy will be done", that is, teach you to "listen to him"? *See Philippians 2:3-8, 4:2; *Exodus 20:1-6; *Small Catechism* available bookofconcord.org
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NEIGHBORS- *Bearing fruit for those not yet our brothers & sisters*

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6. We live in a world of "fake news" where truth is measured by spin. Our motto could well be "Are you gonna believe me or your lying eyes?" How does St. Paul's commitment (*2 Corinthians 4:2*) to telling the truth & the Truth (*John 14:6*) leave us at odds with our neighbors who may or may not believe that "Science is real" or "Love is love" or other meaningless platitudes? By staying out of the madness, how are Christians then in a position to bring healing & reconciliation? *See Matthew 5:1-11, 37-48; Romans 12:18; 2 Corinthians 5:18; 1 Peter 3:13-18; SC: Commandments 5-8*

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Series: Anointed; Now What?

Rev. Jared Stillions, STS

Telling the Truth

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-Notes-

KEY VERSE: We have renounced the shameful things that one hides;
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