

SEAS Easter WITNESS Message GROW Guide for Virtual Groups Week 3 (April 25 & 26) Preach from the Pulpit of Life

Prior to meeting as a group:

- Watch our weekly livestreamed Mass at 11:00am on YouTube.
- Watch the Week 3 message series video on "WITNESS" from the St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Website: www.seasp.org
- Read over the message for the corresponding week, found on the parish website: www.seasp.org.
- Supplemental Reading from *Everyday Witness*: Ch. 3 (pp. 13-25)

Opening Prayer: Read the following prayer together-

O sing to the Lord a new song; sing to the Lord, all the earth. Sing to the Lord, bless his name; tell of his salvation from day to day. Declare his glory among the nations, his marvelous works among all the peoples. -Psalm 96:1-3

We begin by praying with the psalmist, singing to God each morning. We thank God for the new day and for all of creation. We ask for the grace to notice the day-to-day sightings of God, and then we share them in simple and unobtrusive ways. (p.28)

Group Discussion Questions-

As a group discuss the following from your weekly reading and reflection:

1. What from the message video and/or homily stood out to you this week and why?
2. Think of a person who inspires you by the way they live the way of Jesus. How is that person making a difference in the world? How do they reveal the goodness of God to you?
3. Since the pandemic began, how have you seen people "preach from the pulpit of their life?"
4. Do you hesitate to share God-moments with others? If so, what do you think causes your hesitation?
5. Given the current state of our nation and community, what might be an opportunity you have in the coming weeks to "bring the Good News" to someone?
6. What insights from the group can you take with you this week?

Growing the Habit of Preaching from the Pulpit of Life-

Ask: Pray for the twofold grace to live your faith and for the courage and wisdom to know when to share God-stories.

Be Aware: Note people who engage in charitable works or just actions because of their faith in Christ.

Be Intentional: Each night this week, write the name of someone who brought you Good News that day by their simple act of kindness to you or another.

Be an Everyday Witness: Share a story about someone who inspires you by the way they live their faith.

Closing Prayer: Read the following prayer together from “Everyday Witness”:

Prayer to Preach from the Pulpit of Life

Good and gracious God, help me to preach your goodness from the pulpit of my life. Slow me down as I walk this day, so I may be more attentive to your presence and activity in my day. Walk with me as I go to both ordinary and amazing places to share your love. Open my heart to those in need and give me the confidence to help them. Give me the courage to share my God-moments and to make my feet beautiful by bringing Good News to others. I ask this in the name of Jesus the Christ and through the power of the Holy Spirit. Amen.