

## WSC REFLECTION GUIDE

**Readings:** 1 Kgs 19:16, 19-21  
Ps 16:1-2, 5, 7-11  
Gal 5:1, 13-18  
Lk 9:51-62

13th Sunday in Ordinary Time  
June 27, 2010

**Word:** Remembering Christ's love is sharing life with Him.

**Theme:** We share life with Christ when we serve one another through love.  
[Servanthood]

**Promise:** *"You will show me the path to life, abounding joy in your presence, the delights at your right hand forever."* (Ps 16:11)

### Reflection:

In the second reading from the 13<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time, St. Paul says: ***"Out of love, place yourselves at one another's service. The whole law has found its fulfillment in this one saying: 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.' But if you go on biting and devouring one another, beware that you are not consumed by one another,"*** (Gal 5:14-15). It reiterates what Jesus said: ***"I give you a new commandment: love one another. As I have loved you, so you should love one another. This is how all will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another,"*** (Jn 13: 34-35).

People will be attracted to join BLD only if they see that our love for one another prevails. For when there is genuine love among us, we can serve one another, and the love and peace of Jesus will be within and among us. St. Paul admonishes us: ***"Bear one another's burden and so you will fulfill the law of Christ... Let us not grow tired of doing good, for in due time, we shall reap our harvest, if we do not give up. So then, while we have the opportunity, let us do good to all, but especially to those who belong to the family of faith,"*** (Gal 6: 2, 9-10).

We can begin to serve our neighbor by serving our family first. We should be present to listen to, and show concern for our spouse by helping with the household chores, or through simple acts of guiding and encouraging our children in their school work, listening to their worries and concerns; by being amiable and respectful to our helpers, neighbors, and co-workers.

Then, we can serve others within the BLD community not only through actual service like helping at the registration desk, fixing chairs, and other tasks, but by sharing our lives and praying for others. St. Peter said: ***"As each one has received a gift, use it to serve one another as good stewards of God's varied gifts,"*** (1 Pet 4:10). We can witness to God's victory in our lives as sharers in the Life in the Spirit Seminars, Marriage, Family, Singles, and Solo Parents Encounters. We can serve by inviting friends, relatives, and associates to join these Encounter Weekends. Then we can serve at the different mission fields apart from those specifically designated by the Community for service – we can visit the sick, the elderly, the prisoners, and actively commit ourselves to a preferential option for the poor. *(Caveat on visiting the sick: Frequently, the very ill are on reverse isolation, or are not allowed visitors. If and when visitors are allowed, ensure that you are not carrying some disease that can aggravate the sick person's condition. Be considerate. The sick are not well. Do not expect*

them to spend time, or make the extra effort to entertain you. When you visit, do not overstay your welcome.)

Jesus tells us that the **“harvest is great but the laborers are few,”** (Lk 10:2). There is an urgent need for workers to serve in His vineyard. Just as Elisha had to forgo of his livelihood to serve God, parents should pray for the grace to forego their ambitions for their children to acquire fame and/or fortune in their chosen careers. Instead, they may want to encourage and pray for their children to find the vocation to serve God as priests and religious. In the Gospel, a man begs off answering the call, and Jesus tells him, **“Whoever puts his hand to the plow, but keeps looking back is unfit for the reign of God,”** (Lk 9:62).

Our readiness to serve others and God should not be like that of the Pharisees who were more interested in promoting themselves rather than in genuinely serving God or neighbor. Their objective was to secure places of honor at gatherings, or in being noticed and greeted, and in doing things to attract attention. Neither should we be working for acceptance, personal glory, or whatever will benefit us.

Instead, we should serve like Jesus, with all humility and love, willing even to wash the feet of his disciples, (Jn 13). For, as we serve others, we can encounter Jesus in the persons that we serve and we can help strengthen the bond of love, unity, and peace within the BLD community. We can then claim the Promise of the Week: **“You will show me the path of life, abounding joy in your presence, the delights at your right hand forever,”** (Ps 16:11).

**Suggested Personal Reflection Guide:**

1. How can I serve like Jesus?
2. How will I respond if called to be a sharer at any of our BLD LSS and Encounter Weekends?

**Next Week’s Daily Mass Reading Guide:**

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| June 28, 2010 | Am 2:6-10, 13-16/Ps 50:16-123/ Mt 8:18-22           |
| June 29, 2010 | Acts 12:1-11/Ps 34:9/ 2Tim 4:6-8,17-18/ Mt 16:13-19 |
| June 30, 2010 | Am 5:14-15,21-24/ Ps 50:7-17/ Mt 8:28-34            |
| July 1, 2010  | Am 7:10-17/ Ps 19:8-11/ Mt 9:1-8                    |
| July 2, 2010  | Am 8:4-6, 9-12/ Ps 119:2,10,20,30,40,131/ Mt 9:9-13 |
| July 3, 2010  | Eph 2:19-22/ Ps 117:1,2/ Jn 20: 24-29               |

***“Ignorance of the Bible is ignorance of Christ. Read your Bible daily!”***