

MAY 22, 2022
SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER
 Church Year Cycle C



THEME FOR THE WEEK:

God leads, we follow.

WEEKLY MILESTONES:



Take a moment to have each person share a recent mountain high and/or valley low in their lives.

SCRIPTURE VERSE FOR THE WEEK:



When she [Lydia] and her household were baptized, she urged us, saying, "If you have judged me to be faithful to the Lord, come and stay at my home." And she prevailed upon us.

Acts 16:15 (NRSV)

GOSPEL READING INTRODUCTION:



In this reading Jesus tells his disciples that he will not be with them much longer. However, his Father will send the Holy Spirit to teach them everything, and remind them of all that Jesus had said to them.

GOSPEL READING:

Read: John 14:23-29

The sending of the counselor

BIBLE STUDY QUESTIONS:



<p>1. In this reading, what did Jesus say after he said those who love me will keep my word?</p>	<p>A Woe to those who do not B It is good to have a lot of followers C And my Father will love them D I have no time for those who do not</p>
<p>2. In this reading, what did Jesus say his Father would send in Jesus' name ?</p>	<p>A Greeting cards B The Holy Spirit C Wealth and riches D Long text messages</p>
<p>3. In this reading, why did Jesus tell the disciples what was going to happen before it occurred?</p>	<p>A So they could invest wisely B To get a jump on the financial futures trade C So they may believe D So they wouldn't be surprised</p>

Answer key on page 2



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SCRIPTURE READING DISCUSSION:

- What words stay in your mind or what ideas do you have from this reading?
- What message do you hear for us in this reading?
- How does this reading influence your thoughts, feelings, or future actions?

RELATED READINGS FOR REVIEW AND HIGHLIGHTING:

Acts 16:9-15	Paul travels to Macedonia
Revelation 21:10, 22–22:5	River of life
Proverbs 3:5-6	Trust God
Acts 1:1-11	The ascension of Jesus
Numbers 6:22-27	Blessing for the people
Psalms 67	Tell the nations to praise God

RELATED READINGS DISCUSSION:

What similar themes or general concept did you discover in these related readings? How do they connect to the theme of the week?

HYMN OF THE WEEK:

Down to the River to Pray

Text: African American spiritual

Music: African American spiritual

[*Hymns of Promise #130*]



<https://youtu.be/nXFL6PBdo5Y>

CLOSING PRAYER:

Dear God, help us to understand how you lead us each day to care for others for the sake of Christ Jesus our Savior and Lord. Amen.

CLOSING BLESSING:

May the Lord be gracious to you and bless you and make God's face to shine upon you.