

Jesus is Lord!

The People of Hope

Always

MORE

A CALL TO LIFELONG CHRISTIAN
DISCIPLESHIP

2022 FALL MEN'S RETREAT

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SCHEDULE

FRIDAY

7:30 PM ARRIVAL AND REGISTRATION
8:15 WELCOME AND PRAYER
8:30 RETREAT ORIENTATION
8:45 PRAYER TIME
9:15 FELLOWSHIP
10:00 END

SATURDAY

8:00 AM MASS
8:45 BREAKFAST
9:30 REFLECTION #1
10:00 PERSONAL MEDITATION
10:30 PRAYER ROOM
11:00 BREAK
11:15 REFLECTION #2
11:45 PERSONAL MEDITATION
12:15 PM LUNCH
1:00 DISCUSSION GROUPS
2:00 BREAK
5:30 LORD'S DAY PRAYERS & DINNER
7:00 PRAYER & SPIRITUAL MINISTRY
8:30 FELLOWSHIP

SUNDAY

7:30 AM MASS - FR JOHN GORDON
8:30 BREAKFAST
9:30 REFLECTION #3
9:45 PRAYER ROOM
10:30 BREAK
10:45 SHARINGS
11:15 WRAP-UP
11:30 END

ALWAYS MORE

Scripture References

Luke 9:23-25

- Recall when I first heard and responded to the call of Jesus to be his disciple. What was my experience of that call? How did I respond? Why did I respond? Recall also other moments in my life when that call and response were renewed in me.
- What are my biggest challenges in responding to the discipleship call today?
- What is the “Always More” in the discipleship call?

Jesus says, “I am making everything new!” (Rev 21:5)

- What needs to be made new or renewed in me?
- The Lord asks me: ‘what do you want me to do for you?’

Heb 4:12-16

- Approach the throne of grace with confidence and ask the Lord for what we desire
- Pray for the grace to hear and respond to the discipleship call in an entirely new way
- Pray for a heart that is soft and open to the penetrating and life-giving word of God

THE FATHER LOVES ME - PERIOD.

(THE GIFT OF TRUE SIGHT OF SELF AND GOD)

Scripture References

Psalm 139/Matthew 11:28-31

- Pray with the Psalmist: Search me God, and know my heart; test me and know my anxious thoughts. See if there is any offensive way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting.
- Ask the Lord for the grace to see myself as I truly am and the grace to know in a new way the Father's love. Ask for the grace to be radically honest with myself and the Lord.
- How does the heavy yoke of self-will, self-reliance, ego-centrism, manifest itself in my life? What makes me anxious, fearful, discouraged, angry, jealous, etc?
- Am I a pretender? Do I project an image of myself to God and others that isn't the whole story?
- Consider: "Where can I run from your love?"
- Consider: The Lord has been with me since "I was knit together in my mother's womb."

Psalm 108

- Consider the majesty of God
- Consider that as 'great is his majesty, so is his love.'
- What am I that he loves me with an infinite and immeasurable love

John 14:8-10

- Jesus says: "If you see me, you see the Father." What does Jesus reveal to me about how the Father loves?
- Consider Jesus' response to those he encountered through his passion. What does this reveal to me about the Father's love.
- Do I believe that the Father loves me - period? Have I fallen into habits of approaching God thinking or believing that He loves me - because?

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Meditation 3

Scripture References

Philippians 3:7-11

Approach the Lord in faith: believing, trusting, and surrendering to the mystery of the Father's eternal, unfathomable love made manifest in Jesus Christ; accepting the truth that I am dead, I no longer live, but Christ lives in me.

(Rom 6:1-14, Gal 2:19-21, Rom 8:31-39)

Consider again the discipleship call to lose my life, deny myself, take up my cross. Consider also James who says that we should consider it pure joy when we encounter trials of many kinds. Consider how are self-denial, suffering, death, trials a gift. Consider their outcome: life in God in place of our sin and misery.

BECOMING CHRIST FOR OTHERS

Meditation 4

Scripture References

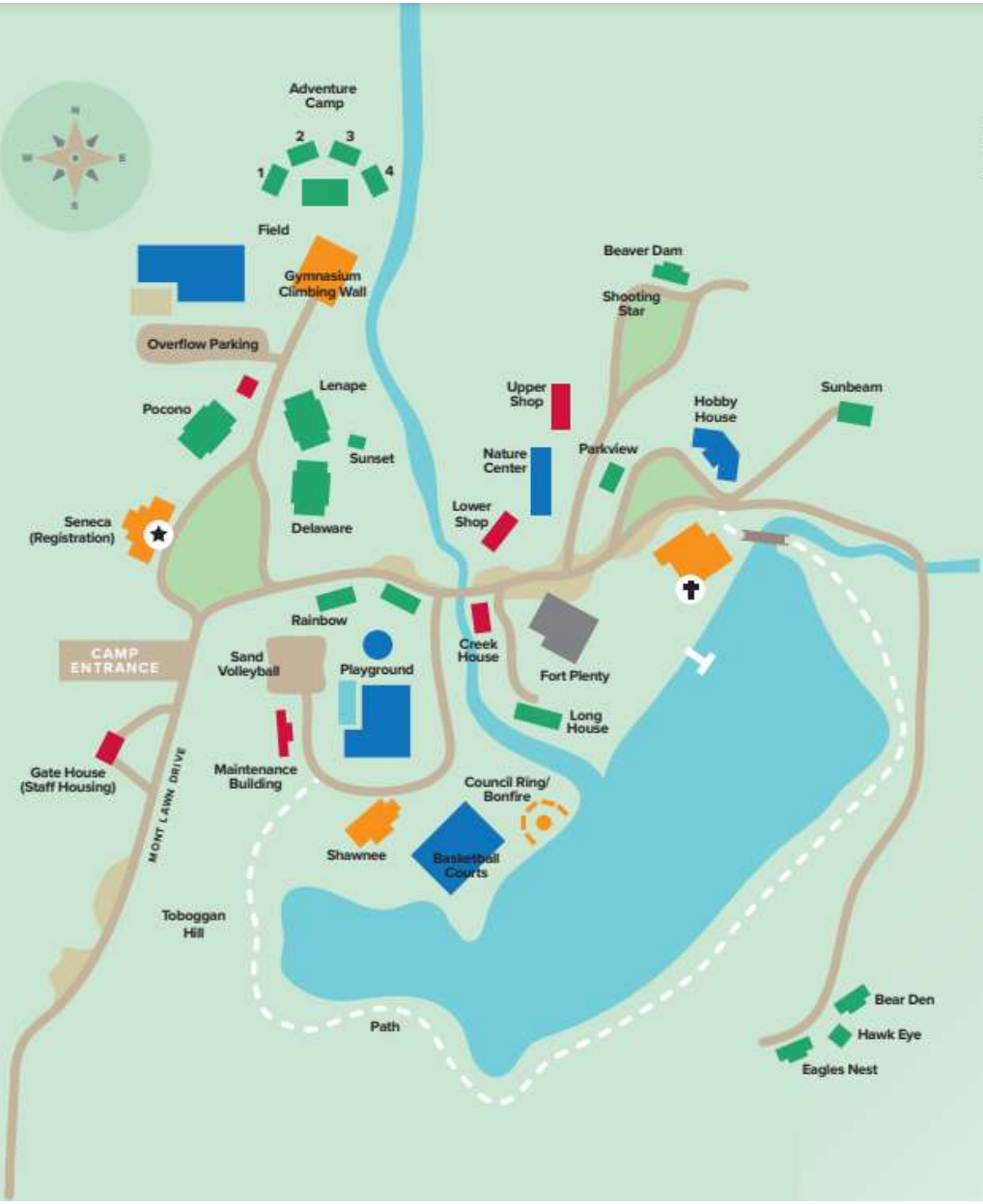
Ephesians 4:1-4

- Consider: Living a life worthy of my calling is 'becoming what I am' namely a son of God, one who no longer lives but one who is Christ.
- Consider: Jesus ascends to the Father from whence he pours out gifts on each as he apportions it for the sake of building up the body of Christ. These gifts are given to disciples who are dead but now alive in Christ. What gifts has the Lord given to me? Do I recognize them as gifts? Do I hold them loosely?
- How am I being called to be Christ for others in my life?

The call to discipleship has certain emphases or characteristics during different seasons of life. What is my present season of life and what does that mean for living as a disciple?

Consider the work of the Lord in your life this weekend. Thank the Lord. Ask for the grace to continue to surrender to the mystery of his love so that he may increase and I may decrease.

Personal Litany of Humility



Map Key

- VENUE
- FOOD & BEVERAGE
- LODGING
- ACTIVITIES
- ADMINISTRATIVE

1, THEN, A PRISONER FOR THE LORD, URGE YOU
TO LIVE IN A MANNER WORTHY OF THE CALL YOU

HAVE RECEIVED,

2 WITH ALL HUMILITY AND GENTLENESS, WITH

PATIENCE, BEARING WITH ONE ANOTHER

THROUGH LOVE,

3 STRIVING TO PRESERVE THE UNITY OF THE

SPIRIT THROUGH THE BOND OF PEACE:

4 ONE BODY AND ONE SPIRIT, AS YOU WERE

ALSO CALLED TO THE ONE HOPE OF YOUR CALL

EPHESIANS 4:1-4