

## PERIOD OF FORMATION

### FORMATION 1: MEETING JESUS AGAIN - WHO DO YOU SAY HE IS NOW?

#### Period of Formation:

As we move into the period of formation, we will carefully consider Jesus Christ –who he was and is, his proclamation of the Kingdom of God, his central teachings, and of course, his death on the cross and the event that followed it, his Resurrection.

We will conclude this period by reflecting on Jesus' gift of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost and the mission of the Church in the World.



The Good News of Jesus is effectively proclaimed through the Gospels. This proclamation is the central focus of the period of formation. The Lectio Divina is one way to understand the Good News and Meditate upon it.

#### What is Lectio Divina?

- Lectio Divina is a Latin word that means "divine reading" or "Holy Reading".
- Lectio Divina is a method of prayer and scriptural reading.



Lectio meaning **Reading**, Divina meaning **Divine**

#### DIVINE READING / SACRED READING / HOLY READING

#### Steps of Lectio Divina

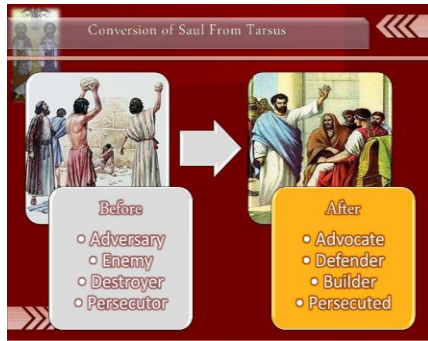
- **Reading.** Read a passage slowly. Read it silently, read it aloud.
- **Meditating.** Listen for a word or phrase to stand out. Stay with it; repeat it to yourself.
- **Praying.** How does this word/phrase speak into your life today? Allow the connections to become a natural conversation with God.
- **Contemplating.** This is a gift from God. Take time in stillness; true contemplation may or may not occur. It is the delightful sense of timelessness, an inner awe at the beauty or love or wisdom or of God.



5) As a result of the encounter with God in the SCRIPTURES, we are called to **ACTION – Go and Do Likewise.**

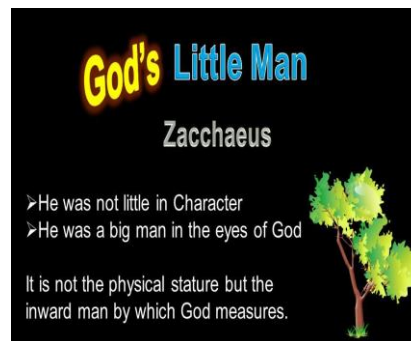
## What happens when we encounter JESUS? Do we Become Bad or Good?

Let us see some examples from the New Testament - What happened when they encountered Jesus. They were all transformed and were totally changed.

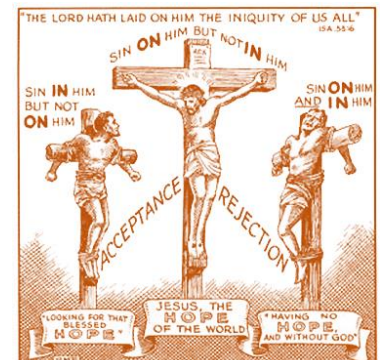


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Paul: He was initially known as Saul of Tarsus, a loyal and devout Jew. He never met Jesus while Jesus walked on the earth. After Jesus died, and his followers proclaimed that he had risen from the dead, he persecuted Christians. He has a profound experience with the risen Lord, and that encounter turned his life around.



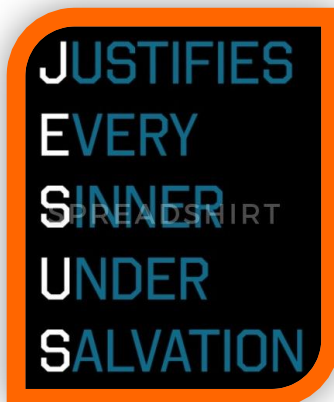
Zacchaeus: He was a chief tax collector and used to cheat people. When he personally met Jesus, he became a changed person and promised to give half his belongings to the poor and pay back four times as much to anyone he had cheated.



The Penitent Thief, also known as the Good Thief, asked to be taken up with Christ, saying "Jesus, remember me when You come into Your kingdom." (Lk 23:42).

## When do we encounter Jesus?

- ❖ In Sacraments (two most frequent -Communion and Confession)
- ❖ In Blessed Sacrament
- ❖ In Daily Prayers
- ❖ Talking to each other about Jesus.
- ❖ In Eucharistic Celebration
- ❖ In Works of Charity (Helping /Loving service to those in need)
- ❖ Forgiveness
- ❖ In His Word ("The word which God speaks to us in Jesus is not simply one word among many, but his eternal Word.")



## Who do you say JESUS is:

Peter said he is Christ, what do You and I say? When we experience him so many times.?

- J** Justice bringer
- E** Entirely God, Entirely Human.
- S** Someone we wonder about.
- U** understanding Friend
- S** Some say a great teacher.



But the Lord said to Samuel, "Do not look on his appearance or on the height of his stature, because I have rejected him."

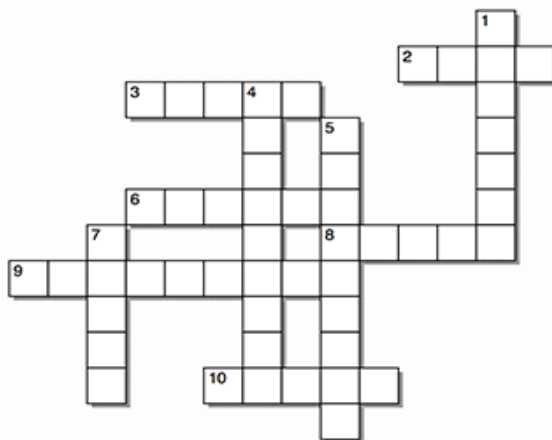
1 Samuel 16:7 ESV

For the Lord sees not as man sees: man looks on the outward appearance, but the Lord looks on the heart."

## Bible Pathway Adventures

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# SAMUEL ANOINTS DAVID



### ACROSS

- 2) Samuel took the \_\_\_ of oil and anointed David. (1 Samuel 16:13 ESV)
- 3) Name of David's father. (1 Samuel 16:11 ESV)
- 6) After Samuel anointed David, the \_\_\_\_\_ of God came on David. (1 Samuel 16:13 ESV)
- 8) "Man looks on the outward appearance, but Yah (God) looks on the \_\_\_\_." (1 Samuel 16:7 ESV)
- 9) David was ruddy and had \_\_\_\_\_ eyes and was handsome. (1 Samuel 16:12 ESV)
- 10) David had \_\_\_\_\_ brothers. (1 Samuel 16:10 ESV)

### DOWN

- 1) Samuel was a judge and a \_\_\_\_\_. (1 Samuel 3:20 ESV)
- 4) Jesse was invited to a \_\_\_\_\_. (1 Samuel 16:5 ESV)
- 5) "Samuel did what Yah (God) commanded and came to \_\_\_\_\_." (1 Samuel 16:4 ESV)
- 7) The man Yah (God) chose to replace Saul as king. (1 Samuel 16:13 ESV)



### To Do List for Child:

**Activity:** "To Know Another" (Formation Handout 1- A) & "Then and Now" (Handout 1-B)

**Read:** 1 Samuel – Chapter 16

### To Do List for Parents:

Please ensure your child learns "The Prayer to the Holy Spirit".