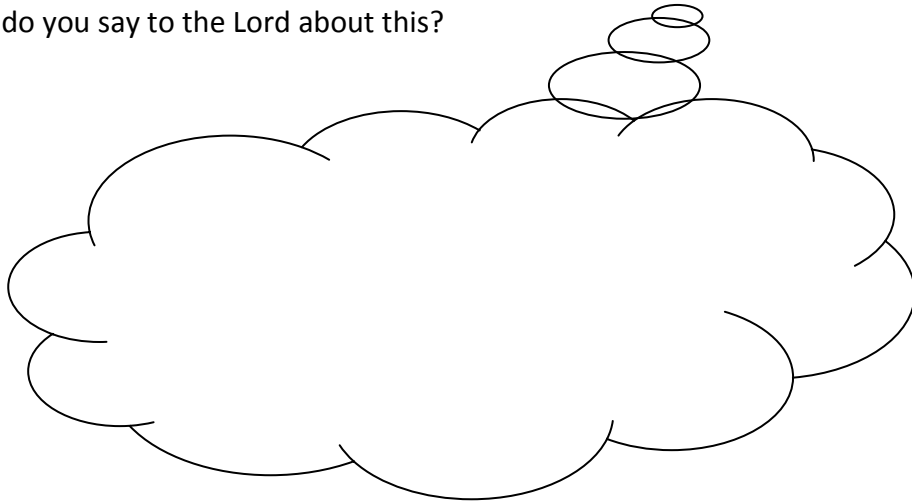


HOPING ~ God's Word calls us to hope.

To hope is not to lose touch with reality but to trust that what seems impossible may be possible!

Read the text again. Reflect and share on some of the following:

1. (a) What regrets and what hopes does this passage awaken in you? (b) What do you say to the Lord about this?
2. (a) What needs to be awoken in your life? (b) What do you say to the Lord about this?
3. (a) What needs to be awoken in the church? (b) What do you say to the Lord about this?
4. (a) How do we thank the Lord who hopes so much in us? (b) What do you say to the Lord about this?



“People see the Gospel in our lives; let them read our lives” (Pope Francis)

Hearing Happening Hoping

**Keeping AWAKE with
Scripture this Advent**

Week 1 ~ Mark 13:33-37



Mark 13:33-37

Look out! Wake up! For you do not know when the time will be! It is like a man going abroad, when he leaves his house and puts his servants in charge, each with his work, and commands the doorkeeper to stay awake.

Stay awake therefore—for you do not know when the lord of the house will come, in the evening, or at midnight, or at cockcrow, or in the morning—in case he comes suddenly and finds *you* asleep. And what I say to you I say to all: Stay awake!”

HEARING ~ Waking Up

Read the text 2-3 times. Then reflect and share on some of the following:

1. What words resonate with you or strike you in the passage?
2. What puzzles you? What disturbs you?
3. Jesus tells the story of the man going abroad—a simple parable. Who would welcome this parable? Who would be afraid of this parable?

alive
awake
aware

HAPPENING ~ Today this scripture is fulfilled in your hearing

This Scripture happens in our own lives and in the world around us.

Reflect and share on some of the following:

1. Where do you see this text happening—in your life, in the world around you?
2. Who trusts us with tasks that are important?
3. Whom do we trust with tasks that are important?
4. What wake up calls are we hearing about our world today, our church, our parish, or our own lives?
5. Who in the world today is calling us to ‘Stay Awake’?

