

## Night Three Kilrush Community Centre 6<sup>th</sup> March 2024

### Lenten Series – Group Sharing Notes

#### Theme – A taste of the New Testament and *Lectio Divina*: looking for yourself and your life experience in the Scriptures

- The more you read, the more meaningful the scripture becomes, the more comfortable you get in reading it, and you get better insights
- The Transfiguration (Mk 9:2-8): who was the vision for? For Jesus' sake to validate him to his apostles? To strengthen him for what was to come?
- It must have been a very frightening experience!
- We ourselves have special moments we want to hold on to – they help us when days and moments are not as good! – only hindsight helps us see we have to move on: even though we are all slow to face change!
- “My Son, the Beloved” – echoing the Baptism of Jesus – how lovely to hear God telling of his love for his Son: reassurance for us of being loved by God - “I am beloved – good News – I am Loved by God”
- This passage makes us realise that God is there for us, there is a God who is real – lesson for us: have faith, trust in God
- What's the significance of the appearance of the two Old Testament figures of Moses, the lawgiver, and Elijah, the prophet? Showing Jesus as in the line of the great prophets and the continued relevance of the Old Testament? Showing his real relationship with the OT figures?
- Their presence shows the link of three metaphors of bread: Moses and the desert manna, Elijah and the bread he was given by the impoverished widow which resulted in her never going without food again (1 Kgs 17:7-16), and Jesus as the Bread of Life: Jesus always lives out the Bible
- Were the three apostles disappointed at the appearance of Moses and Elijah? Could they have thought they were to be alone with Jesus on this occasion?
- Elijah and Moses were Old Testament but Jesus now had the authority, and God saying “Listen to Him” was confirming that
- The image of the transfigured Christ is awe inspiring. Is this showing clearly to the three apostles that Jesus is not just human but God? Does this work for us today?
- When the cloud lifted and the apostles looked around they saw no one. It was like waking from a dream - was it a dream? Does this story have real significance for us today?

- Or was it that when the Cloud was lifted, and Jesus was alone, that he showed he was the 'New way' – a new way of LIFE?
- Peter James and John were given a big lift by the transfiguration. It's a bit like the lift we get from going to Rome, Lourdes, Medjugorje or Mass
- Jesus knew that he was going to the Cross – it was his way of letting the Disciples know that there were to be great changes.