

Inspirit Bible Discussion Materials
For Sunday, January 26, 2025

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LAST SUNDAY

2nd Sunday after Epiphany. Pastor Jim will be preaching from John 2:1-11. It's a new year but will we live in a new way? Mary suggests that a the servants, "Do whatever he (Jesus) tells you." Are we going to take that suggestion ourselves?

Are we DO-ciples ?

Do we as hosts run by fear of running out ? Is that what drives our Do-cipleship ? Why not focus on extravagant hospitality and no longer be controlled by running out ?!

Mary knows how to push the buttons ! (That was what I heard)

Lean into a new way of doing things and not succumb to doing things as they always have been done

What is counterfeit Christianity ?

We need a women's perspective on getting things done. The guys have been at the helm a very long time. What has that got us ?

I found this quote :

"It is precisely women's experience of God that this world lacks. A world that does not nurture its weakest, does not know God the birthing mother. A world that does not

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preserve the planet, does not know God the creator. A world that does not honor the spirit of compassion, does not know God the spirit.

God the lawgiver, God the judge, God the omnipotent being have consumed Western spirituality and, in the end, shriveled its heart.”

— Joan D. Chittister, *Heart of Flesh: Feminist Spirituality for Women and Men*

A transformation must happen so that no one is left behind.

Mary Is the challenger, the nudger, encouraging us as Do-ciples to “Do whatever HE asks of you.”

As Do-ciples we help one another to follow.

The external stone jar used for ritual cleansing only clean what Is external. We are to drink of the transformative waters that transform us into lives of service. To drink the transformative waters, so that we drink juice to act in justice, to drink the Merlot to be actions of mercy, to drink the Pinot noir to actions of kindness, etc....

But, “I’m just one person” Is this not an excuse to regress and to stand in the way of progress?

Do-ciples are driven. We drive others forward. Others drive us, too!

Did you hear anything from Pastor Jim’s preaching that impacted you?

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NEXT SUNDAY

Pastor Paul will be preaching next Sunday. What are community memories and why do they matter. Read Nehemiah 8:1-3, 5-6, 8-10; and Luke 4:16-21

Our time will be impactful. Lots to read and reflect and study and ponder.

Other Christian churches will be reading the following Scriptures: Nehemiah 8:1-3, 5-6, 8-10; Psalm 19; I Corinthians 12:12-31a; and Luke 4:14-21.