

SEAS Fall 2019 LEARN Message Series GROW Guide: Week 2 (Sept 7 & 8)

The First Characteristic of Discipleship at SEAS is "Learn": Growing disciples are continuous learners. Learning is deepening our friendship with Jesus.

Opening Prayer: Read and reflect on this past Sunday's First Reading as a group:

- **Wisdom 9:13-18b** (Reading found on the back)
- What do you think God might be telling you through this reading?

As a group:

- Watch the Week 2 message series video on "Learn" from the St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Website: www.seasp.org
- Read over Fr. Mark's message for the week, found on the parish website: www.seasp.org

Individual Reflection or Discussion Questions-

As a group discuss the following from your weekly reading and reflection:

1. What from the message video and/or homily stood out to you this week and why?
2. Who in your life possesses great wisdom? Why does that person come to mind?
3. According to the book "A Well-Built Faith", *God-given wisdom gives us the ability to recognize the importance of keeping God central in our lives.* Have you experienced this type of wisdom?
4. Would you say that you possess the type of wisdom that Fr. Mark referred to as "just living life"? Share a piece of "wisdom" with the members of your group, based on your life experience.
5. How will you apply Fr. Mark's challenge of seeking God's wisdom more fully in your daily life?

Weekly LEARN Challenge:

- Pray this week for the gift of God's wisdom in your life.
- Seek wisdom this week: See with God's eyes, listen with God's ears, love with God's heart, judge things with God's judgment instead of your own.
- Supplemental Reading- *A Well-Built Faith: The Sacraments-Part Two, Ch. 7-11* (p. 49-92)

Closing Prayer: Close with the following prayer: *Lord, thank You for the people You have divinely placed in my life who speak holy truth, love and words of wisdom. Give me a heart of discernment to know when You are using someone to speak instruction into my heart and my circumstances and give me the strength and courage to follow through with that advice, even when it's hard. Fill me with peace in knowing that even if I take a wrong turn, Your purpose will prevail. In Jesus' Name, Amen.*

(Sept 7 & 8) Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Reading 1 [WISDOM 9:13-18B](#)

Who can know God's counsel,
or who can conceive what the LORD intends?
For the deliberations of mortals are timid,
and unsure are our plans.
For the corruptible body burdens the soul
and the earthen shelter weighs down the mind that has many concerns.
And scarce do we guess the things on earth,
and what is within our grasp we find with difficulty;
but when things are in heaven, who can search them out?
Or who ever knew your counsel, except you had given wisdom
and sent your holy spirit from on high?
And thus were the paths of those on earth made straight.