**Wealth, Poverty, & the People of God: Following Jesus**

**Call To Worship for Community Gatherings 01/21-02/02**

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| **Leader**: |  |   Arise Shine |
| **All**: |  | **That the glory of the Lord may rise upon us** |
| **Leader**: |  |  Arise Shine |
| **All**: |  | **That God’s light reveal to us his salvation** |
| **Leader**: |  |  Arise Shine |
| **All**: |  | **That the light of Christ might overcome the darkness of our world***Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the**Holy Spirit. As it was in the beginning is now**And will be forever. World without end. Amen.*  |

*Suggested Songs*

“In Christ Alone” – Passion Worship

“Good Good Father” – Chris Tomlin

“How Firm a Foundation” -- John Rippon

“King of My Heart” – Sarah McMillon

**Prayer:**

*Break into groups of 2-3 and share something you are grateful for and something that you would like to let go. Lay hands and prayer for one another*

**Read Exodus 35:4-36:7**

*Share this week’s Plowshares blog on Sacred Vocation*

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**Jan. 21- Feb. 2: “Sacred Vocation and the People of God” – Discussion Questions**

Community Group Discussion Questions: 1/24-1/27

1. What comes to mind when you think of the word “calling”? What about “vocation”?
2. We read in the Exodus story that God asked for free will offerings from those whose “hearts were stirred”. Why do you think God’s requirement was that they be *willing*?
3. If we in Plowshares became as committed as the Israelites in the story to giving our time, money, and talents to God’s kingdom, can you imagine what would happen? Let’s take a few minutes to envision that together.
4. What makes our vocations, or callings, sacred?
5. Think about your own vocation. How does your role contribute to God’s work in the world?

**Communion Liturgy**

*Now we are about to enter into a time of Communion. During Communion we remember Christ’s life, ministry, and sacrifice for us. We also give thanks to God for his Salvation that we are all invited to enjoy and participate in.*

On the night in which Jesus gave himself up for us he took bread and blessed it and said,

“This is my Body which is for you. Do this in remembrance of me.”

In the same way also he took the cup, after super, saying,

“This is the new covenant in my blood. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.”

Now Father, pour our you Spirit on these gifts that they may be for us the Body and Blood of Jesus, poured out and broken for the life of the world. And pour our your Spirit on us gathered here that we may be the Body of Christ, redeemed by his blood, and a light to the world. Amen.

*Pass the bread and the cup around the circle so that each person serves his/her neighbor.*

Suggested Songs: Amazing Grace, Nothing But the Blood, You Make Beautiful Things, The Doxology

**Continue to Worship as you enjoy good friends, good food, and good conversation!**

**Blessing:**

*Family of God:*

*May your eyes be open in order to see his grace*

*May your hearts be open in order to receive it*

*And may your hands be open and your lives be free*

*So that you may GIVE IT AWAY TO OTHERS in great abundance.*

*As you have also received freely and in great abundance!*

*In the name of the one who humbled himself on the cross we pray*

*the name of Jesus….amen.*