*Host or designated reader/leader begins the Upper Room prayer hour by reading this message from Fr. David:*

**Message for May 2019**

Dear friends in Christ:

You have been hearing me preach and teach about one’s personal relationship with Jesus Christ a lot these past few weeks. Let’s have a discussion about what this all means to us in our Upper Rooms.

In Christ;

Fr. David

*Open with Sign of Cross and then this prayer:*

**Prayer to the Holy Spirit**

L: **Come, O Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful, and enkindle in them the fire of your love. Send forth Your Spirit, O Lord, and they shall be created.**

R: And You shall renew the face of the earth

L: **Let us pray – God our Father, pour out the gifts of your Holy Spirit on the world. You sent the Spirit on Your Church to begin the teaching of the Gospel; now let the Spirit continue to work in the world through the hearts of all who believe. Through Christ our Lord.**

R: Amen

L: **You, O lord, will open my lips.**

R: And my tongue shall announce Your praise.

L: **Incline unto my aid, O God.**

R: O Lord, make haste to help me.

L: **Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit**.

R: As it was in the beginning is now and ever shall be world without end. Amen

**Read John Chapter 21:1-19**

1. What element is your favorite part of this Gospel Story?
2. Why is this Gospel Story rich in imagery for lectio divina? What parts?
3. The interchange between Jesus and Peter – what makes it so real?
4. No one dared ask “Who are you?” – Why is this significant?
5. Can you answer the question “Who do you say that I am? – if Jesus were to put this question to you – What would you say about Him (to His face)?
6. Is Jesus just a personality (what does this mean?) or is He a person to you?
7. What emotion(s) do you imagine would come to the surface if you met with Jesus “face-to-face”?
8. How do you encounter Jesus in a personal way today, how do you meet Him (despite the lack of a face-to-face relationship)?
9. What emotions are a part of your relationship with Jesus today?
10. What thoughts are a part of your relationship with Jesus today?
11. How do you think St. Peter felt and what do you think he understood after this encounter on the seashore?

**Read Luke Chapter 24:13-35**

1. What element is your favorite part of this Gospel Story?
2. Why is this Gospel Story rich in imagery for lectio divina? What parts?
3. The interchange between Jesus and the disciples – what makes it so real?
4. How did they come to know who Jesus was? – Why is this significant?
5. These two Gospel Passages are post-resurrection events. What makes that significant? In other words why is the humanity of Jesus on parade here in the Gospel Stories?
6. What is more true to your experience with Christ today? A mystical, supernatural, transcendent one or a humble, human, simple one? Discuss. Why do you think this is true?
7. Do you relate more to the miracle or to the man? What does this say about your faith (good/bad /indifferent)?
8. Can we divide Jesus into two parts (human or divine)? Why is it heresy to do so? Discuss how miracles have a human context too (not just Divine).
9. Now consider the miracle of the Eucharist and how the Eucharist comes to the world. What elements are present? Both human and divine? Thoughts and emotions about the Eucharist (share these).
10. Finally, consider Eucharistic Adoration. The face-to-face encounter with Jesus. Do you see this devotion as a means to having a personal relationship with Jesus? Discuss.
11. Do you see Jesus in your world? Name where you see and relate to Jesus.

**For Prayer read Psalm 63:1-9 and then have 10 minutes of silence then read Psalm 23:1-6 and then have 5 minutes of silence. Close with an Our Father**

**Next month Upper Room on the title of Jesus “I AM”**

*P.S.*

*It’s time to recruit new members. Have a discussion today about who the group would like to invite to June’s Upper Room*

*Upper Room hosts – I would like to know who is currently active in your groups. Please report your members to Aggie at the office.*

*I would like each group to come up with a patron saint’s name / title of Jesus or title of Mary for their group and to incorporate a special prayer begging their intercession each time you meet. Report the name you have chosen after the June meeting to Aggie.*

*I can’t seem to get the Upper Room out before the 5th of the month. So I’m changing it to the 15th of the month. Hope that doesn’t cause too many problems with you. If so, I suggest just delaying your next meeting and hold it with older material.*