

Following Jesus - Matthew

National eConference

Local Facilitated Discussion Questions

Session 1: Fr Chris Monaghan CP

"Bring Out Treasures Old and New"

1. Why would it be important for Matthew to understand Jesus in the light of the Old Testament?
2. What does Matthew's inclusion of the quote from the Old Testament's Isaiah tell us about how he sees Jesus?

Matthew 12: 17-21

This was to fulfil what had been spoken through the prophet Isaiah:

"Here is my servant, whom I have chosen, my beloved, with whom my soul is well pleased. I will put my Spirit upon him, and he will proclaim justice to the Gentiles. He will not wrangle or cry aloud, nor will anyone hear his voice in the streets. He will not break a bruised reed or quench a smouldering wick until he brings justice to victory. And in his name the Gentiles will hope."

Session 2: Rev Dorothy Lee

"The Way of Right Relations: The Sermon on the Mount"

1. Which version of the beatitudes is taking your attention today?
2. What is it that is drawing you?

Session 3: Fr Chris Monaghan CP

"Holding it Together: The Challenges of being Church"

1. How does Matthew's saying about forgiveness fit into your experience?
2. What does the passage tell us about how we should act with each other as Church?
3. What does forgiveness look like?

Session 4: Rev Dorothy Lee

"The Paradox of Jesus in Matthew"

1. What have you heard about Jesus that changes or challenges your view?
2. What does it mean for us to follow this Jesus?