



St. Mary's
Journeying Together
Small Group Questions

From Pope Francis: "The Gospels frequently show us Jesus 'on a journey', he walks alongside people and listens to the questions and concerns lurking in their hearts. He shows us that God is not found in neat and orderly places, distant from reality, but walking ever at our side."

1. What are your initial thoughts or feelings about this quote from Pope Francis?

From Bishop da Cunha: "Are we willing to be signs of the transformative power of the Holy Spirit?"

2. What do you think it means to be a sign of the transformative power of the Holy Spirit?

St. Paul teaches: The Holy Spirit gives all of us different gifts and charisms, and we are called to share these for the good of the church.

3. What are the gifts and talents you are willing share with our Parish Community?
4. How do I share the gift of my faith to help others on their faith journey?

From the Archdiocese of Washington: "Synodality is the path and process of the church as communion of all the baptized who are listening to each other, dialoguing with teach other and praying together to hear the voice of the Holy Spirit as we all seek holiness and proclaim the Gospel."

From the Synod Process: "Listening is the first step, but it requires an open mind and heart..."

5. How is God speaking to us through voices we sometimes ignore?
6. How are the laity listened to, especially women and young people?
7. What facilitates or inhibits our listening?
8. How well do we listen to those on the peripheries?
9. What are some limitations in our ability to listen, especially to those who have different views than we do?



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