



# Lectionary Leaf\*

for Lent 3 C

\_\_\_\_ **1st Reading:** Isaiah 55:1-9

What's the toughest thing about packing up and moving to another home?

Is there someone you know who is also hungry and thirsty for God? How might you point him or her to the true source of water and food?"

Verse 3. Who in their family when they were growing up most heard this or something like it, "Listen! Pay attention!"?

What do you think it means to 'seek the Lord'?"

\_\_\_\_ **2nd Reading:** Psalm 63:1-8

Where does the psalmist feel he/she is in regard to God?

But does he/she stay there?

What desert have you been through lately?

Which verse from this psalm best fits your relationship with God right now?

St. John Chrysostom advised us to read this psalm each day. Why?

\_\_\_\_ **3rd Reading:** 1 Corinthians 10:1-13

When you were growing up, what or who did your parents use as an example or warning for you? What have you used with your own children?

What are the temptations you have the most trouble with on your own spiritual journey?

What insights does Paul give in coping with them?

What's something from the old life that you know you need to leave behind?

\_\_\_\_ **4th Reading:** Luke 13:1-9

When did you first come to realize how fragile life can be?

If you knew this would be the last day of your life, how would you spend it?

What would you want to make sure you did?

If you took the words of Jesus to repent seriously, what would that mean for you right now in your life?

Reflect now on a hymn like "Nearer My God to Thee" or "O Master Let Me Walk With Thee," as both of these speak to the theme in today's readings about seeking the Lord.

**PRAYER OF THE WEEK:** Lord, we seek you, knowing and rejoicing that you also seek us. May this day and each day find us finding one another. Amen.

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for Lent 4 C

\_\_\_\_ **1st Reading:** Joshua 5:9-12

What rite of passage marked your coming into adulthood?

When or how have you felt God calling you to cross over the Jordan, leave the past behind, and come to a new land?

Where or how do you most need God to give you a new beginning in your life?

What's in your own past that would keep you from moving ahead on the journey? What's the good news you hear about your past in this reading?

\_\_\_\_ **2nd Reading:** Psalm 32

Are you more like a horse or mule?

What do you most identify with in this psalm?

What's the source of blessedness or happiness in this psalm?

What does penitence mean to you?

Why do you think the Psalmist refused to confess his sin for so long?

How does it feel to not confess? To confess? To be forgiven?

\_\_\_\_ **3rd Reading:** 2 Corinthians 5:16-21

If you were appointed as an ambassador to another country, where would you choose and why?

How would you explain or describe to someone else your becoming a Christian? How did it happen?

When did you know that you really were a new creation?

\_\_\_\_ **4th Reading:** Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32

Were you ever lost as a child? What happened?

If Jesus came to your community or city today, where might you find him?

Who do you identify with most in the story Jesus tells - the father? The elder son? The prodigal son? Why?

Where are you on the journey? Still at home? Restless to leave? On the road again? In a far country? On your way home? At the homecoming party?

**PRAYER OF THE WEEK:** O Lord, we have come home. You are our home, our true home. You are our father and mother. You have given us life. You have sustained us. Our inheritance in you is more than we could ever deserve. Amen.

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