Doing and Saying – a Christian Pilgrimage

Purpose (cont'd) – Week 37

What we're all about

Day 253. Receive

Through intentional discernment, where is God working in your immediate environment and through the world?

Investigate your neighbourhood. What are the demographics? How is their well-being (physically, economically, relationally, spiritually)? What are the needs in the neighbourhood? What are the joys, the tragedies? What are the possibilities and the obstacles?

Do the same kind of analysis for the wider world where God is focussing you, as appropriate.

Share your answer with others whom you trust.

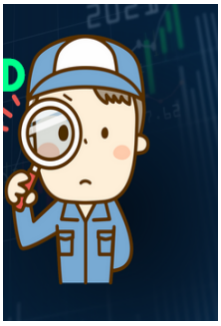
Day 254: Offer

Offer yourself to God through intentional prayer and worship, realizing with gratitude the salvation we are given.

Have a conversation with God. Review with Him all you are grateful for. Offer yourself to Him, to serve Him with all your capability.

Share as you feel appropriate.

Day 255: Identify



Identify the pain of people within your capability to influence, within your community and local areas. Identify your gifts and your own callings which could be used in response.

Describe the pain which people in your community may be in, and then the gifts God has given you which may be used to help.

Share your thoughts with those you trust.

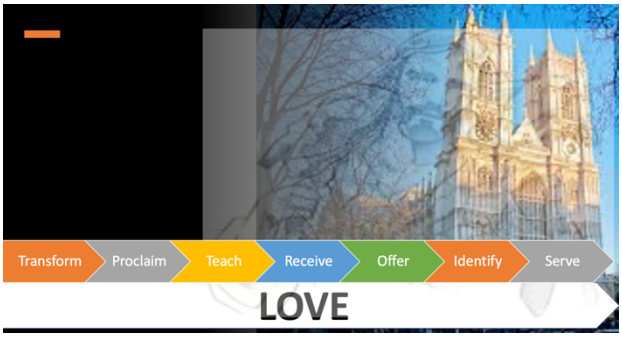
Day 256: Serve

Be part of a community which changes hearts and minds and enrolls its members into God's transformational story of death to life, sin to forgiveness, destruction to love, brokenness to wholeness. A community which encourages and expects genuine daily encounters with God, being carried by Jesus the Christ. A community which has ongoing Christian transformation, from baptism to death. Love is THE method. Always seeking to worship God in love and do what is healthiest for all. Defining love. Teaching love. Living love.

How can you join or start such a community? Lay out some steps below.

Share with those who may join you.

Day 257: We are the people of the (loving relationship in (community) with God)



Love is the key, belonging is the key, God is the key. To live this out on a daily basis with full integrity is our challenge.

How do you:

a.)Align yourself to what God is calling you for?

b.)Align your community to the same?

c.)Provide the required helps and tools to facilitate your congregation becoming **transformational communities which proclaim, teach, receive, offer, identify, and serve**?

d.) Encourage and release them to pursue this vision in an ongoing manner?

This is a continuation of yesterday's question, specific to your congregation. What would help in pursuing this vision within your congregation? What obstacles do you see, and how might you overcome them?

Share as you feel led.

Day 258: We are a residence for God with Identity, Belonging, Purpose

Until we identify who we are (followers of Jesus), whose we are (belonging to Jesus) and what we are (residence of Christ), we are unfit to

- Evangelize
- Prophesize
- Steward
- Convert
- Comfort
- Transform
- Release

All of these come out of a strong sense of identity, belonging, and purpose. Who we are, whose we are, and what we are. We need that foundation to empower us to move out in action.

Are you secure in who you are, whose you are, and what you are? Describe in your own words. Knowing this, how do you feel about sharing the gifts God has given you, in love?

Share as you feel led.

Day 259: Rest.

Rest, receive nourishment, feed both body and soul. Reflect on the past week and care for your needs (body and spirit). Pray. Dedicate this day to God. In the evening get together with a group you trust and share what you would like to from the previous week – good points, hard points, what you've learned, what you've struggled with, etc. Decide again if you wish to continue journeying together or want to stop.

Know that God loves you.