06-19-22 FOR THE JOURNEY THIS WEEK

"As our faith grows and matures, our life in Christ slowly merges with our life in the world. We come to realize that living by the Way is more than just a private endeavor...In order to have true meaning and integrity, it must be our identity; we must recognize it and live it in every part of our being."

- Richard J. Schaffer, Jr.

∼ Luke 9:51-62

Questions for Reflection —

- Where do you see evidence of God's loving presence in the here and now? Who are the people who have touched your life as agents of kindness, courage, generosity, truth, compassion, faith, and love? How do you in turn embody kindness, courage, generosity, truth, compassion, faith, and love for others? How do you see God's loving presence embodied in the life of our congregation, in its programs and ministries?
- What does following the Way of Jesus look like for you? In what ways does your life of discipleship merge with your life in the world? What does it look like for living in the way of Christ to define who you are in all aspects of your life? What does it mean for you to see various responsibilities—e.g. family, work or school—in light of your faith?
- What are the competing allegiances that make it more difficult for you to walk in the Way of Jesus? What choices have you had to make in order to more intentionally walk with Christ? Of what might you need to let go in order to better focus on following the Way of Jesus? What will help you to release those things that distract you from your life of discipleship?

Daily Household Prayer

Loving God, we give thanks for the men of virtue who have touched our lives. Those who have shown us kindness, courage, generosity, truth, compassion, faith, and love. Bless all sons and brothers and fathers and grandfathers who reveal a glimpse of your loving presence on earth. Amen.