

## 08-23-26 FOR THE JOURNEY THIS WEEK

“Maybe when we can really see Jesus, we are freed to see ourselves as Jesus does. Jesus shows us who we really are. Like Peter, we see that we too are active ingredients for God’s kingdom at hand. We are challenged, called into becoming and into new opportunities and life.”

*Amy Oden*



Matthew 16:13-20

### Questions for Reflection —

- Who do you say Jesus is? In what ways might your views contrast with secular opinions about Jesus held by people in your community, school or workplace? How has your understanding of Jesus’ identity and mission changed over the course of your faith journey? How did you come to your present understanding? What images, metaphors, or titles for Jesus are most meaningful and helpful to you in your understanding of who Jesus is?
- How readily do you share with others the impact on your life of your relationship; with Jesus? What does it mean for you to truly be in relationship with Jesus? In what ways is your relationship with Jesus a priority relationship in your life? How do your daily activities, your monetary habits, and the way you interact with others reflect who Jesus is for you? What do you need in order to be able to more boldly proclaim your faith?
- What does it mean to you that God knows you both as you presently are and in the full potential of who you can become? In what ways might God be challenging you to embrace and become your truest self? What do you need in order to become more fully who God created you to be? What are the barriers to honest self-examination before God? What spiritual practices will help you overcome those barriers?

### Daily Household Prayer

There are far too many times, O God, when we have neglected or ignored the needs of others because it just wasn’t convenient for us to help. We backed away with excuses on our lips and indifference in our hearts. Forgive us and set us on the right path of service and compassion in the name of Jesus who modeled faithful living for us. Remind us that we are residents of a global community. Help us to hear the plight of those who have been voiceless. With the gifts that we have and the love of Christ, direct our lives in compassionate service to others. In Jesus’ name, we pray. AMEN