



PRAYER

Good God, teach me how to read your signs and understand your instructions. Teach me how to follow your will and to love your ideas so much that they determine my thoughts and my actions. Help me become recognizable as a Christian as one can see that I contribute full of joy to the construction of God's Kingdom. Amen.

BIBLE

One person reads the Bible passage aloud.
Short silence.

Exchange: *What particularly appealed to you?*

Mt 13, 33

He spoke to them another parable. "The kingdom of heaven is like yeast that a woman took and mixed with three measures of wheat flour until the whole batch was leavened."

STUDY

1. Read DOCAT text sentence-for-sentence.
Then one person reads the text aloud in full.
2. Three minutes of silence.
3. Each person reads a word or phrase aloud (without comment) that he or she has noticed.
4. Explain briefly in the next round why you have chosen the sentence (e.g. memories, questions, etc.)

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How are social doctrine and faith connected ?

Not everyone who is socially or politically involved is a Christian. But someone can hardly call himself a Christian if he is not socially involved. The Gospel very emphatically leads people to commit themselves to love, justice, freedom, and peace. When Jesus proclaims the coming of the Kingdom of God, he does not just heal and save individual human beings; rather, he starts a new form of community—a kingdom of peace and justice. Now God alone can bring about this kingdom definitively. Christians, however, should work for a better society. They should build a city of man "that is more human because it is in greater conformity with the Kingdom of God" (Compendium of Social Doctrine 63). When Jesus compares the Kingdom of God to yeast that gradually leavens a large measure of dough (Mt 13:33), he shows the way in which Christians should work in society.

DISCUSS

Also discuss your own questions on this topic!

Treasure Books: *Take five minutes to write down what you don't want to forget.*

1. What makes a Christian be a Christian?
2. Why should I think for others? Why can't I just live

my faith quietly for myself?

3. What is the meaning of Jesus' desire to build up the „Kingdom of God“? (see YOUCAT questions 89, 110)
4. What happens to the soul of an elder and lonely man when you visit him?

CHALLENGE

Think of people in your neighborhood who are elder, lonely, abandoned or maybe even being avoided. Call by and invite them to an evening of storytelling: „Tell us about former times! We would like to know that!“
Do you take on this challenge?

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