

Sensing the sacramental world
For the week of November 18 – 24

Prayer: That we might sense the ever-presence of God

Day 1: 1 Corinthians 11:23 – 26 & Matthew 26:26 – 28

Four questions to ponder:

- Do you think the disciples grasped the weight of the moment? What about later?
- How might that impact how we reflect on communion?
- Matthew doesn't include "in remembrance". Why not?

Day 2: Hebrews 11:1 – 40 (especially the 'commentary')

Three questions to ponder:

Consider times when your faith has been weak / strong.

- What unites those in Hebrews 11 who demonstrate faith?
- If you had to define faith for a non-believer, what image would you use? How does this image help you?

Day 3: John 6:1 – 15

Three questions to ponder:

- The people desperately want Jesus to keep feeding them, yet Jesus withdraws. What might this reveal about Jesus?
- How do we see Jesus revealing the 'sacramental world' to the disciples? How did the people respond to the 'sign'?

Day 4: John 6:25 – 40

Three questions to ponder:

- How does Jesus invite the people into deeper reflection upon the food?
- What limits the people's ability to imagine 'that way'?
- What limits our imagination for the 'sacramental world'?

Day 5: John 6:41 – 69

Three questions to ponder:

- How does this section highlight the role and place of faith?
- What makes Jesus' teaching "hard to accept" today in 2018?
- When have you echoed Peter's words in v.68? Why?

Further Reflection: How can we allow the Holy Spirit to grow our sacramental imagination of God's movement in the world?