



ST. ANDREW'S IN THE PINES EPISCOPAL CHURCH

SERMON

4-14-13

- I. When I was a child – the 5:00 courthouse chimes – had to head home for dinner.
 - a. Family gathered for the meal
 - b. Dad asking us questions – what had we learned, read, vocabulary word
 - c. The quiz questions – longest river in Africa, etc.

- II. I loved the challenge, the learning, the attention when answering.

- III. Jesus also loved those meals and discussions and questions.
 - a. Feeding miracles – don't sent them away-

 - b. Eating w/the sinners and the Pharisees

 - c. Lazarus, Martha and Mary

 - d. Last supper

 - e. Road to Emmaus – answered their questions and was known breaking bread

 - f. Gathering the fish and bread for a breakfast together.

- IV. And the questions – Who do people say that I am? What do you read in the law? What does it say on this coin? Why didn't you wash my feet and kiss me?
 - a. Why those questions – like with my father – they are a way to learn, to express out perhaps jumbled thoughts, thus establishing where we are – what we think.
 - b. The questions prod us – expand our limited or wrong ideas by hearing our answers and hearing others answers and entering into discussion.
 - c. The questions help us hone in on what we are willing to believe.

- V. An intimate portrait of Jesus along the shore – appearing once again to feed and share in discourse.
 - a. He asks if they have fish and gives advice like a father.
 - b. Then turning to Peter – Do you love me? A huge question – sounds like Teyve in Fiddler on the Roof – I need to know
 - c. And each time Peter answers there is advice – feed, tend, care for my sheep. Follow me.

- VI. And today we gather for worship around a meal. We continue in the same traditions.
 - a. We come together for the experience of eating together – the bread is broken and shared. The cup of wine is blessed and shared.
 - b. And we get asked questions also – sometimes the same questions – sometimes asked by me, sometimes in what we hear read, sometimes in what we hear in our prayers.



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- c. And like me with my father and like Peter with Jesus – we'll be expected to answer and then be offered direction or advice. It will all be for learning, for the asking of more questions – and sometimes hearing a question in return, for the expanding of what we think we know, for the discussions, for the intimate community, for encouragement and advice.
- d. And just like my father our God is going to keep asking us questions which will enrich and deepen our world and let us clarify our commitments.
- e. And just like our parent – we'll be provided with food.
- f. And just like my childhood experience – the bell outside rings to call us in for the meal and the fellowship and the questions.

Thanks be to God.