

## Lectio Divina

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- > Read and re-read, out loud and slowly the Gospel
  - > Meditate on reading as being spoken to you, an experience in your life
  - > Pray - Thanksgiving - Repentance - Petition
  - > Action - Attitude (Call to change / to act / to do)
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September 13<sup>th</sup> 2015 24<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Ordinary Time - Year B - Mark 8: 27 - 35

In this week's gospel we see Jesus calling for a personal faith in him, not a view or an opinion but a real commitment to him. We can identify with the disciples as we look at the image of Jesus we carry within ourselves. Who is he for us? Jesus went on to teach his disciples that following him would be hard at times. There would be a price to pay. We often find it hard to have trust in God and have to call on God from the bottom of our heart just like Jesus did when the deaf man was brought to him for healing. What does Jesus mean to you? How do you hear his good news spoken to each one of us in the gospel?

### Prayer:

Thank you Lord for the friends who speak openly to us about 'the Good News' as Jesus spoke to his disciples. They show us how to live our lives with trust in God by their compassion and understanding.

Forgive us for the times that we allow the problem of suffering block our faith in a benevolent God. C.S. Lewis who lost his young wife to cancer reminds us that while suffering is never good in itself, it can prompt good actions in others especially the wonderful acts of compassion of those who attend the person who suffers.

Help us Lord by our works to show our faith in you and have a positive influence on all those we meet. Let us co-operate as instruments of God to care for creation and make this world a good place to live.

