

Living Life as Sacred Story 2014: FORTY WEEKS

Week Eternity: Advice and Suggestions

Week Eternity is our final reflection for *Forty Weeks*, bringing together all of the daily disciplines, tools, and frameworks that we have considered. As we look towards our future prayer-life, we consider a personal reflection on Jesus' call to each and every disciple: *Abide in Me*.

The 40 weeks of lessons are concluded. It is a significant accomplishment, and it is important to look back and give thanks for all that happened in this process. We have allowed the Holy Spirit to do spiritual archeology on our life-history (at least in part!) We have learned a new prayer discipline, and started on the path to a daily habit of "discernment of spirits." The discernment insights of Ignatius will help us "wake up" to the spiritual world that we inhabit. Yet all of this is only the beginning. The journey has never been about assignments or a mountaintop-destination. It is about *Christ* who is our past, present and future.

This week we are considering how to go forward, using everything we learned in these *Forty Weeks*. We have been on an incredible journey together, and it sets a course for the rest of our lives here on this earth. Let us re-affirm our commitment to live this relationship with the Lord who is the Way, the Truth, and the Life!

I am the vine, you are the branches. Whoever remains in me and I in him will bear much fruit, because without me you can do nothing.

(Jn 15:5)