

## ST. MARY'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

ADULT FORMATION

JULY 25, 2021

### THE FOOD OF LIFE

1. A few words about the class so far, specifically, a look at the different times and places where Jesus is at table with sinners and/or friends.
2. We will take a glance at food parables of Jesus, especially the banquet to which the host eventually invites the people that his stewards encounter on the street. (Matthew 21, 22)
3. The feeding of the five and four thousand. Similarities, differences. Why do we find both stories in more than one gospel?
4. In what way are the miracles of loaves and fishes different from Jesus's repudiation of Satan's request to turn stones into bread during the temptation in the desert?
5. A glance at our topic as it concerns Paul, Peter and the early church.
6. How and why does Jesus institute the celebration of the Eucharist at the last supper? What elements of the Biblical event are particularly significant to you and why?
7. Why is there never-ending controversy about what happens to the bread and wine (or grape juice for some denominations) at Communion?
8. Do you think that Communion can be a barrier to acceptance of Christianity in the present day? Why or why not?
9. What advantages do you see in celebrating the Eucharist every Sunday (and sometimes in between)? Why are some Catholics daily communicants? If you had that option, would you avail yourself of it? Why or why not?
10. How do we understand the possible use of communion at the time of a person's death?
11. Does our topic have any significance in the book of Revelation? What might your answer mean?

- 12 What *about* the language that we find in Isaiah (25:6) and Matthew (8:11) about feasting in Heaven? How do you think this and other allusions to the Heavenly Banquet are meant?
- 13 Have these discussions reassured you about God's provision for His people? Why or why not?