

Synodality Listening Session
February 26, 2022
8th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Welcome and Prayer

Gospel will be read/displayed

Commentary by Teresa Maya, CCVI

Introduction to the Breakout Groups

5 Minutes of Silent Prayer

Small group sharing/listening (remember that the lens is Synodality rather than your own life)

- ◆ Introduce yourself and say a word or two about what you are bringing here today (emotions, thoughts, etc)
- ◆ Ask the Holy Spirit to bring to mind a time when you experienced Church as "how the Church is meant to be" in terms of inclusion, openness, and welcome. What made this experience meaningful to you?
- ◆ What could your local parish, or the place / community where you worship most, do to be a place of openness and welcome? If you do not currently attend liturgy, what could a church community do to make you feel wanted, welcome, included, spiritually enriched?
- ◆ What could you do to make your parish, your particular church community, your religious community, more open, inclusive, and welcoming?

Back to the large group - Offer Petitions arising out of sharing.

Lk 6:39-45 New Revised Standard Version

Jesus told his disciples a parable,

“Can a blind person guide a blind person? Will not both fall into a pit? A disciple is not above the teacher, but everyone who is fully qualified will be like the teacher. Why do you see the speck in your neighbor’s eye, but do not notice the log in your own eye? Or how can you say to your neighbor, ‘Friend, let me take out the speck in your eye,’ when you yourself do not see the log in your own eye? You hypocrite, first take the log out of your own eye, and then you will see clearly to take the speck out of your neighbor’s eye.

“No good tree bears bad fruit, nor again does a bad tree bear good fruit; for each tree is known by its own fruit. Figs are not gathered from thorns, nor are grapes picked from a bramble bush. The good person out of the good treasure of the heart produces good, and the evil person out of evil treasure produces evil; for it is out of the abundance of the heart that the mouth speaks.

