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FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST – PROPER 7

TELLING OTHERS WHAT WE BELIEVE





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Share your highs and lows, or respond to the following:

- 1. Is telling others about Jesus easy or hard for you? Why?
- 2. Jesus tells us that we are very, very valuable to God and that he watches over us. What encouragement does that give to you?



#### BIBLE READINGS

Read the following Bible readings throughout this week. Talk about what words or phrases stand out for you.

1st reading

Genesis 21:8-21

Hagar sent away

2nd reading

Romans 6:1-11
Dead to sin, alive
in Christ

Gospel reading

# Matthew 10:24-39

The cost of following Jesus

### DISCUSS

God does not ask us to neglect our family.

He wants our commitment to him to be our first priority. How can we help each other make God come first?



## **ACTION RESPONSE**

Visit some other churches or look up their websites and see how they are telling other people about Jesus. How does your congregation reach out to let others know about what Jesus has done to save us?



## **PRAYER**

Dear Jesus. thank you for dying to save me from my sin. Help me to believe and tell others about you. Amen.



#### MEALTIME PRAYER

You are so good, O God, your blessings overflow. Forever may your name be praised, in heaven and below. Amen.



#### BLESSING

May you always know how valuable you are to God.

ALL THOSE WHO STAND BEFORE OTHERS AND SAY THEY BELIEVE IN ME, I WILL SAY BEFORE MY FATHER IN HEAVEN THAT THEY BELONG TO ME.

MATTHEW 10:32

VERSE OF THE WEEK

