

Sunday, March 22, 2009

Why Are We Here?

One person stands at the microphone. One at a time people come by and stop when asked the question, "Why are you here." Each one gives a different response.

Questioner: Why are you here?

#1: Because it's Sunday.

Questioner: Why are you here?

#2: Because I like to see my friends.

Questioner: Why are you here?

#3: I have an assignment this Sunday.

Questioner: Why are you here?

#4: Because my family brought me.

Questioner: Why are you here?

#5: To learn about God

Questioner: (Looks up and asks,) "Jesus, why are you here?"

(Jesus) *Answer comes from a microphone somewhere out of sight.*

Jesus' message:

I once answered that question for Nicodemus this way.
I told him, "Just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness,
so must the Chosen One be lifted up,
that whoever believes in him might have eternal life.
Remember, God so loved the world that he gave his only Son,
so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but might have eternal life.
God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world,
but in order that the world might be saved through him.

Explanation, if needed

- For John, writing in his gospel, Christ was lifted up for the life of all who look to him in faith, first on the cross and then in exaltation in the resurrection.
- It was by grace that God sent Jesus into the world so that many might respond to that light.
- Think about it. Where have you seen God's love overcome evil and darkness?
- Where do you see God's love at work in the world through the witness of the Community of Christ?
- Think about why you are here. How can you be a positive witness to someone in the world that does not know God's love?