

## Reflection Sheet



- ✦ You are invited to take your place at this table. As you look at the persons gathered around the table, do you recognize something of yourself in them, your own brokenness and sinfulness... Sitting there can you accept the welcome, the Love, the Light, the Joy Jesus offers? He addresses you and each of the guests by name and at the same time asks you to be brothers and sisters in the one family of God. Can you allow Him to share His very self with you?
  
- ✦ After you receive Jesus' welcome and light and joy, Jesus invites you to take His place in this community. Can you take His place?...Extending your hand in welcome to each person present here, sharing yourself in love with each one? What does this mean for you?
  
- ✦ Are you willing to be brother and sister with the people you live and work with? Are you willing to share yourself in love and compassion with each person in your community. Sit at the table with them, try to be Jesus with them, seeing them with His eyes, loving them with His heart. Be particularly compassionate toward those you find it difficult to live with or understand.

- ✦ On the right side we see the open window. Strong and free in Jesus love we are invited to break open the bread of our lives and extend it to those beyond. You are invited to go out and share yourself in love, tearing down the walls that divide and separate peoples and instead strengthen their bonds of trust. Yes, you are to reach out as brothers and sisters, giving birth to the Kingdom among us: respect, love, Compassion for all in the one family of God.
- ✦ On the left side of the picture is the compassionate Father, welcoming his son. Predominate however, is the elder son who refuses to come in and join in the feast. Does he remind me perhaps of my own attitudes of considering myself faithful and good while at the same time looking down on “the sinners”, my own brothers and sisters? ... We always have a choice to live in the darkness or to live in the light!
- ✦ Pray Jesus prayer for Unity (John 17:20-23) May we all be one with our God, one with one another, one with the earth and all of creation.

Afterwards share in your groups what this meditation meant for you. What did you hear with the ears of your heart? What does it mean in your life To be Compassionate: To be afire with Christ-Committed to Life. Let your Group bring a symbol to the closing service and one from your group be willing to explain it to the assembled community.