

**PRAY****My Lord and my God!**

You have a plan with all you desired, created and called to light. Help us to know what you have bestowed on us, what you intended us for, and where you are calling us. Amen.

**CONTEMPLATE**

One person reads the Bible passage aloud.
Short silence.

Exchange: *What particularly appealed to you?*

**STUDY**

1. Read YOUCAT text sentence-for-sentence. Then one person reads the text aloud in full.
2. Three minutes of silence.
3. Each person reads a word or phrase aloud (without comment) that he or she has noticed.
4. Explain briefly in the next round why you have chosen the sentence (e.g. memories, questions, etc.).

**DISCUSS**

Also discuss your own questions on this topic!

Treasure Book: *Take five minutes to write down what you don't want to forget.*

**CHALLENGE**

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**1 Sam 3:10**

The LORD came and revealed his presence, calling out as before, "Samuel, Samuel!" Samuel answered, "Speak, for your servant is listening."

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What should you do once you have come to know God?

Once you have come to know God, you must put him in the first place in your life. And with that, a new life begins. You should be able to recognize Christians by the fact that they love even their enemies. [222–227, 229]

After all, to know God means to know that he who created and willed me, who looks at me every moment with love, who blesses and upholds my life, who has the world and the people I love in his hand, who waits longingly for me, who wishes to fulfill and perfect me and to make me dwell forever with him—is there. To nod with your head at this is not enough. Christians must adopt Jesus' way of life.

1. How can we hear God's call? Are you prepared to follow him?
2. What is Jesus' lifestyle? What specifically impresses you about it?
3. What is "love of enemy," and why is that such a central issue for Jesus?
4. How can you put God first in your life, in word and deed?

Try the following mental exercise:

Imagine you live in Jesus' times. You own a shop or are practising a craft (baking, fishing, carpentry). Jesus is passing by. He is looking at you. Think about this for a while: What would he ask you? What would he say to you?

Exchange opinions.

Do you accept this challenge?

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