

Midweek Lent (March 21) — Week 5

Questions for reflection, from reading pages 119-144 in

“God For Us: Rediscovering the Meaning of Lent and Easter”

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1. What five metaphors¹ in the scripture readings for the fifth Monday and Wednesday of Lent do you find, metaphors that describe what God is all about? (p.136-138, p.143). What meaning do you ascribe to each?

a. _____

b. _____

c. _____

d. _____

e. _____

2. Historically and traditionally, the Fifth Sunday in Lent has been observed as one of the following:

a. Passion Sunday (p.132)

b. Carling Sunday (p.131-132)

c. Saint Mary of Egypt Sunday (p.131)

What aspects of each stand out for you? What do you find interesting or helpful?

3. The writer describes at least three activities, or experiences, of the Lenten discipline: lamenting (p.119-121), giving away (p.122-124), being enabled (p.124-127). Which do you find of great importance on your journey? Why?

¹A ‘metaphor’ is a figure of speech, or a picture, that reveals a meaning of something else. For example, we have been talking about images that describe God. These images, like a ‘safe harbour’ or ‘storm’ are metaphors for God.