

Mystagogia Questions

Week 2 (Proclaiming the Word of God)

1. What is your most powerful experience of hearing the scriptures read aloud?

(What was the setting, who was the reader, was there something in particular the reader did to help bring the text to life, how expectant were you a listener?)

2. Discuss this statement: “The scripture readings should not be printed in the bulletin — the assembly should rather be referred to the pew Bibles.”

3. In what ways might the assembly be encouraged to show greater reverence to the Word of God during the liturgy?

4. It is traditional to listen to the proclamation of the Gospel and not to read along in the Bible or bulletin, how do you respond to this?

(Use this quote from Rowan Williams as a springboard: “When you see a group of baptized people listening to the Bible in public worship, you realize that Bible-reading is an essential part of the Christian life because Christian life is a listening life. Christians are people who expect to be spoken to by God.”)