

Sharing the Bounty: Stories from the Good News Garden Movement Reflection Guide



Note: This guide can be used for personal reflection or within the context of a small group, after you have watched the accompanying short film.

READ

The service for Holy Baptism in the Book of Common Prayer, focusing especially on the Baptismal Covenant, and the beginning of An Outline of the Faith, Human Nature (page 845)

CONSIDER

Both our catechism and our baptismal promises are rooted in the wisdom of Scripture and the teachings of Jesus. And the ministry of Good News Gardens flows directly from these sources. Through the Field Days programs, the ministry of Good News Gardens seeks to bring people together: to learn and to reflect on Scripture, to worship and pray, to build relationships, and to feast around the table. We do this with the hope that through these gatherings, we will all be better equipped to love, to create, to reason, and to live in harmony with God and ALL of creation—including the soil, the watersheds, the trees, the bees, the air, and the harvest. And that we will be nourished for the work of inviting others into these practices. The Field Days event at Camp Stevens in Julian, California, was just this sort of a gathering, providing an opportunity for participants to connect their love of Christ to their love of creation and each other.

REFLECT

1. How is your faith connected to your love of creation and others? How does it inform and guide how you care for the earth and all creatures, great and small?
2. How can your congregation, your diocese—or perhaps your favorite camp or conference center--invite others to experience the Good News of God in Christ by bringing people together to play in the dirt and worship around the table in imaginative ways?

PRAY

For Agriculture

Almighty God, we thank you for making the earth fruitful, so that it might produce what is needed for life: Bless those who work in the fields; give us seasonable weather; and grant that we may all share the fruits of the earth, rejoicing in your goodness; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

(Book of Common Prayer, p. 823)