



An Invitation to Join us in Prayer

“Feed my Sheep!” Christ Jesus’ words to Peter at the morning meal on the Galilean Sea as recorded in the Bible, from John 21:1-17.

I have thought about this command many times in my daily work for Desert View, asking myself, “Am I feeding the sheep? I love God, and His Christ, but am I feeding the sheep?” This can be a serious question that is not answered easily. I think to myself, “I look like I am feeding the sheep. I wonder what would Jesus think about the work that I am doing? Would he approve of the work that I am doing and say, ‘Well done, good and faithful servant?’” The prayer that it takes to get a higher sense of the requirements necessary for actually feeding the sheep is a very quiet “listening for His voice, following and rejoicing all the rugged way,” paraphrasing what our Leader, Mary Baker Eddy, wrote in her poem on guidance, “Shepherd show me how to go...”

What does it take to feed those hungry sheep? All the questions can only be answered by God. Only He can help us to understand through our individual dedicated, “prayer and fasting”, as Jesus once told his disciples years ago. They had to develop humility, obedience, and gratitude, in their experience. They had to let go of the old ways of doing things, to accept God’s appointment for their new view of themselves and others. We can do what they did in that boat on the sea. Toss the net on the right side and catch more than ever imagined. This was possible because they were obedient, not because the fish only lived on the right side of the boat! It will also be possible for us as we are obedient to His voice.

Let us all take up this prayerful watch, of feeding the sheep, as we cherish the Word of God, which is guiding us in this endeavor. We cannot tell each other how this will look or how the prayer will take shape, but through consecrated study, we will be guided to do what it takes to feed the sheep more and more in the way of God’s appointing. Through “Christ, and Christian Science,” we will each know the way to take. We “will follow and rejoice,” each step of the way!

Join us in feeding his sheep.

Thank you,

The Board and Staff of Desert View