

MAY 3, 2015

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER



ACTS 9:26 – 31

PSALM 22:26 – 27, 28, 30, 31–32

1 JOHN 3:18 – 24

JOHN 15:1–8

REFLECTION

In a lot of high school yearbooks the seniors get a chance to offer a “senior quote,” some words of wisdom to pass on and be remembered by. Some are funny; some are profound. Have you thought about your senior quote? Do you have favorite words of wisdom that you would share with younger kids? Today’s passage from John’s account of the Gospel is from a section called the Farewell Discourse. It comes during the Last Supper after Jesus washes the disciples’ feet. He offers some final teachings to his closest friends and followers just before he is arrested, tried, and executed. This passage is too long to be a senior quote but Jesus has some good parting words for the disciples. These few paragraphs about staying connected to the vine, the source of life, and following the commandments are words that would stay with them in the difficult days to come—through his arrest and Crucifixion and through the early days of a fledgling movement called Christianity.

ACTION

In the week ahead, be both a giver and seeker of advice. Find a younger person you can offer some wisdom to and find an older-than-you person who can give you some advice.

JOURNALING QUESTIONS

- What’s the best advice about religion or spirituality that you’ve ever heard?
- What are some of the things you do to stay connected to the vine?