
BATTLE CRY

An Edge Night on Jesus' Public Ministry

Parent Letter

Dear Parents and Family,

This Edge Night this week began with a twist on the classic game of capture the flag. The teaching walked the youth through the events of Jesus' public life and ministry and took a close look at His Proclamation of the Kingdom. Then the youth split off into their small groups to discuss the importance of Jesus' life and ministry for their own lives today. The Edge Night ended with a time of Eucharistic Adoration where the youth were invited to place their prayer intentions at the foot of the altar.

Main Ideas:

- Before beginning His public ministry, Jesus was baptized in the Jordan River and then spent 40 days and nights praying and fasting in the desert.
- Throughout His three years of public ministry, Jesus proclaimed the coming of Kingdom of God on earth. He performed many mighty deeds and miracles to show people the truth of His words.
- Jesus called together the 12 apostles from all different walks of life to accompany Him on His mission to proclaim the Kingdom.

Catechism Reference:

“Now after John was arrested, Jesus came into Galilee, preaching the gospel of God, and saying: ‘The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand: repent, and believe in the gospel.’ ‘To carry out the will of the Father Christ inaugurated the kingdom of heaven on earth.’ Now the Father’s will is ‘to raise up men to share in his own divine life.’ He does this by gathering men around his Son Jesus Christ. This gathering is the Church, ‘on earth the seed and beginning of that kingdom.’” (CCC 541)

Scripture Reference:

“‘The time has come,’ he said. ‘The kingdom of God has come near. Repent and believe the good news!’” (Mark 1:15)

Family Reflection Questions:

- What was your favorite part of the Edge Night tonight?
- Are you surprised that Jesus only spent three years preaching and healing? Why?
- Did Jesus accomplish His mission alone? Who helped Him?
- Why is it so important for us to have people with us to journey in our faith?
- Do you have a friend who is this person for you?
- How can we, as a family, support each other in our journey in faith?