

# GATHER 10

## DISCUSSION QUESTIONS Week of April 21, 2024

This week's discussion questions are based on the First Reading found at Acts of the Apostles 4:8-12, on the Second Reading found at 1 John 3:1-2 and on the Gospel found at John 10:11-18

- ✚ In the First Reading Peter says that Christ “is the stone rejected by you, the builders, which has become the cornerstone.” What do you think gave Peter the courage to speak out like this, when before Jesus died he couldn't even admit that he knew Him?
- ✚ In this reading Peter responds to attempts by the “leaders of the people and elders” to discredit Jesus' message. Do you see efforts to discredit Jesus' message in the world today? What can you think of, besides racial bias, that discredits “love your neighbor”? How can you help bring God's saving grace to a world/neighborhood in desperate need of healing?
- ✚ The Second Reading says, “See what love the Father has bestowed on us that we may be called the children of God.” What gifts have you received, both in the past and today, as a child of God?
- ✚ God is always present, hovering like a mother hen. Why do you think God does not just jump right in and save us from all the messes we get into?
- ✚ In the Gospel Jesus said, “I know mine and mine know me, just as the Father knows me and I know the Father; and I will lay down my life for the sheep.” Jesus is applying the unconditional love between himself and His Father to the relation between Himself and His own. What does this tell you about how well you are known and how much you are loved?
- ✚ Do you think we are able to show this unconditional kind of love to one another, especially those outside our immediate families? Why/why not?

## *Prayer Intentions*