

Isaiah 66:18-21 ♦ Hebrews 12:5-7, 11-13 ♣ Luke 13:22-30

“For behold, some are last who will be first, and some are first who will be last.” – Luke 13:30

Have you ever been on a team that came in last place at a tournament or for the season? It’s easy to feel like a “loser” when that happens, especially if the winning team brags and puts you and your teammates down. It’s a good thing that Jesus doesn’t judge us by our winning score!

This passage reminds us that to win a place in heaven, we must come to Jesus with an open heart and a willingness to be shaped by him into a faithful follower. How can we do this? Mother Teresa had some great advice for us. She said: “Not all of us can do great things; but we can do small things with great love.” Love is the mark of Jesus’ followers; it’s what makes us true winners!

Dear Jesus, help me to become one of your faithful followers. Help me to desire to live as you taught more than being part of a winning team or the “popular group” here on earth.

The next time your team wins, how can you offer the love of God to the team that loses?

Answer the following questions together after Mass:

What Mass did you attend this week? _____

What color were the priest’s vestments? _____

What was one new insight the homily gave you?

Was there something special you noticed at Mass today?

Family name: _____