

HAPPY NEW YEAR TO ALL! After a two week Holiday Break the Men's Group held its normal meeting on Wednesday. Here are the Minutes from the meeting:

Attendees: Hal Pawlowski, Ken Pritchett, Eugene Pongratz, Mark Savarese, James Hodson, and Ed Willekens

The meeting began with Hal as the ACTS Prayer Leader. His Theme was a continuation of Christmas through Matt:1:12-25 which speaks of the final 14 generations of Jesus' genealogy. The group began the service by singing "Joy To The World" and finishing with "Angels We Have Heard On High."

The group then performed its Scripture Study on the Sunday Mass Readings for 11 January. We concluded that the First Reading (Is:42:1-4, 6-7) was one of the many Old Testament Prophecies for the coming of the Messiah. The second Reading (Acts:10:34-38) has Peter speaking of Jesus' impartiality to all people and how God anointed Jesus with His own Holy Spirit and Power. This was summed up wonderfully in the Gospel (Mark 1:7-11) with the story of Jesus' Baptism.

Ken Pritchett then presented a Witness Talk on the CRHP Theme of Christian Awareness. He used the Scripture Reference from Ephesians 5:15-20 that discussed how a Christian should act and treat and care for others. This started a discussion about how easy it is to "go through the motions" of Christianity and not having our actions and motivations coming from our hearts. It was agreed that this is a) A difficult talk to prepare for; and b) We SHOULDN'T "beat ourselves up" over not doing enough for others as we all have a different place in serving God and others.

We finished the evening by reviewing the Two Chapter reading assignment in THE JESUS PRAYER. It was agreed by all that this was the EASIEST of all the previous assignments. We'll be finishing the book prior to next week's meeting and will be reviewing what book we will read next.

Hal finished the meeting with a closing prayer @ 9:00 PM

Assignments For 1/14/09:

Prayer Leader---Mark Savarese; Witness Talk---Reconciliation----Ken Pritchett

Table Leader-----Eugene Pongratz