

Minutes for the 2/5/09 meeting of the St James Men's Group:

Attendees: Hal Pawlowski, Ken Pritchett, Jim Hodson, Mark Savarese, Ed Willekens, & Gene Pongratz

The meeting began promptly with Hal Pawlowski leading the ACTS Prayer Service using the Theme of Adoring God for His Wondrous MERCY. He opened with the hymn of "ROCK OF AGES" and had us close with " Here I Am To Worship ."

We then proceeded to our weekly Scripture Study of Sunday's Readings for 8 February. The readings were: Job 7:1-4, 6-7; 1 Cor 9:16-19, 22-3; and Mk 1:29-39. It was agreed upon that the first reading's theme was Job's struggles in the many hardships that were before him. The second reading Paul spoke of the resourcefulness necessary to become all things to all kinds of different people in order to relate and share God's word and love to them. The Gospel reading tells of Jesus performing healings and driving out evil spirits offering us Deliverance from our sufferings.

We then were treated to a Witness Talk by Gene Pongratz on the CHRP Theme of Father's Loving Care. Gene shared many instances in childhood and adult life that were "Turning Points" or significant times of change. He stated that until recently he always felt that there was no real pattern to these times nor any guiding force moving within him. He shared that ever since he attended the '08 CRHP Weekend and the weekly meetings since then he now fully believes that God's presence was very much involved and thanked the group for helping him coming to that conclusion.

Gene's Challenge Questions Were:

- 1) Do you believe that the Father was an influence in you life?
- 2) Do you feel that the Father has shown you the way?
- 3) How did you react to the directions you received?

Our final agenda item for the evening was the discussion of chapters 2 & 3 of Garry Willis' What Paul Meant . Chapter 2 covered Paul and the Pre Resurrection Jesus. Since Paul never met the Pre Crucified Jesus then how did he become so intimately aware of Jesus and what he was being called to do? In Chapter 3 " Paul On TheRoad" the author states that Paul had to have a deep union with Jesus in some form to be able to reach out to so many diverse groups of people as to be so eloquent to some and so literal and earthly to others.

Prior to finishing the meeting, the group decided to cancel our meeting for 25 February 2009 since it is Ash Wednesday.

The meeting was closed By Hal leading us through a closing prayer.