

In today's gospel we discover a determined, edgy Jesus. The tone is serious. The call is to listen up!

Jesus was on his way to Jerusalem, to his suffering and death. And he wasn't just on his way – he was resolutely determined to go there. He invited others to come along. Some had important things to do first but Jesus wouldn't hear of it. "Come now. I want you now."

This morning some of our young people and their chaperones left for their mission trip to Schenectady. They heard the call. They said YES and while some may have felt a little anxious or nervous or excited, it cost something.

They gave up a week of vacation, or time with their friends and family to help the people of Schenectady.....and to form community with other young people from different states and faith traditions, to pray together and reflect upon their experience. Their Yes opens them to untold blessings.

What about us? Jesus is calling us today make him the number one priority in our lives. It can be scary. But let's think about it: what are we doing that is so important? Seriously, how can we follow more closely?

Today let us pray that Jesus will deepen our trust and love away our fear so that we may say YES to Jesus and open ourselves to untold blessings.