

THE LORD OF THE RINGS

23rd January: Fellowship

Do you have a fellowship, and if so who is in it?

When saying the Grace, what does “the fellowship of the Holy Spirit” mean to you? (2 Corinthians 13.14)

Read 1Corinthians 12.12-31a

Each of the nine companions has a different role to play in the adventure, based on their character and abilities. How do you go about finding your place within the fellowship of the church? How do you feel about your role at the moment?

After the companions rest from their journey with the elves, they are sent on their way with “Lambas bread” which sustains them through lean times ahead. This seems to be a reference to the bread of Communion (Tolkien was a faithful Catholic). How important is Communion to you on your journey, and why? (Lk 22.19)

As the story progresses, Frodo's companions gradually drop away to take on different challenges, until finally only Sam and Frodo are left. Even then the burden of carrying the ring must be borne by Frodo alone. Sam is faithful to the end and at one point says: “I can't carry it for you, but I can carry you.”

Is there anyone in your life who is carrying you, or whom you need to carry? How does that feel?



The Nine Companions

“This day does not belong to one man but to all. Let us together rebuild this world that we may share in the days of peace.” - **Aragorn**

“For behold! the storm comes, and now all friends should gather together, lest each singly be destroyed.” - **Gandalf**

“Indeed in nothing is the power of the Dark Lord more clearly shown than in the estrangement that divides all those who still oppose him.” - **Haldir**

“Faithless is he that says farewell when the road darkens.” - **Gimli**

“I am Aragorn son of Arathorn; and if by life or death I can save you, I will.”

If you haven't seen the films there is a plot summary at www.sparknotes.com/film/lordoftherings/summary