

## Week 2: Food for All

1. What stood out to you from the message this past Sunday? Was there anything that seemed timely or relevant to you? Was there anything which made you uncomfortable, or with which you disagreed?
2. Have you ever experienced strong feelings of hunger though intentional abstinence or decreased intake of food? Have you ever experienced hunger because of lack of availability or access to food? Share your experience and how it impacted you.
3. The forty days of Lent is a season we traditionally associate with Jesus' time in the wilderness. Read Matthew 4:1-4. Why do you think Jesus quotes this Hebrew scripture (Deuteronomy 8:3) specifically when he is so physically hungry? What do you think he means?
4. Jesus often uses the human experience of hunger both literally and metaphorically. What do you think he means in each of the following scriptures: Matthew 25:37-40 and John 4:31-34? How do each of these relate to the fourth beatitude in Matthew 5:6 (as translated in the New Catholic Bible version)?
5. The Hebrew scriptures are full of calls to act justly on a personal level and to create a just society on a systemic level:
  - Read Leviticus 23:22 and Deuteronomy 24:19. What might these scriptures have to say to us today as regards access to food for all, how we care for immigrants, and the import we might place on efficiency over generosity?
  - Read Leviticus 25:8-13. This is a description of the Hebrew law of Jubilee whereby land was returned to its original family owners every 50 years. The intent was to prevent the imbalanced accumulation of wealth and redistribute land (the means of food production) more justly. What do you think about this cultural practice? What might be the benefits and challenges of implementing it? What are some modern-day examples of the call and struggle to redistribute and realign resources?
6. What struck you most about Tinica and Jenna's discussion in the message on Sunday? Take a moment to review this week's Lenten Justice flyer about food justice ([www.crc.org/lenten-justice-food-justice](http://www.crc.org/lenten-justice-food-justice)). Discuss how you feel compelled to respond and then spend some time praying for one another in these endeavors.

### Practice for the week: Providing Food for All

Take some time this week to take action on the issues you personally identified with in the Lenten Justice flyer ([www.crc.org/lenten-justice-food-justice](http://www.crc.org/lenten-justice-food-justice)). Take a moment each day to pray for the hungry in our communities and for more just and caring access to food for all.