

Wisdom Figure of Preaching: Deacon Richard Ferreira, MSW, MAT



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Questions for reflection on hospitable preaching:

1. Reflect on Deacon Ferreira's reflection questions about being a hospitable preacher:
 - How can you deliver the Word of God to an individual or a group of individuals?
 - How can you humble yourself so that your message is not judgmental?
 - How can you be welcoming?
2. How does Deacon Ferreira prepare his homily?
3. Deacon Ferreira shared the homily he found memorable on Luke 10:38-42. Reflect on this Scripture.
4. How does Deacon Ferreira describe his relationship with parishioners?
5. For Deacon Ferreira, the beauty of preaching is how preachers deliver the Word of Christ. He named Pope Francis and Monsignor McCarren as two of his favorite preachers. Who is your favorite preacher? Who inspires your preaching?
6. While preaching, Deacon Ferreira focuses on his commitment to Christ and delivering God's message. How can you center God in your life so that it is reflected in your preaching?
7. What are your takeaways from what Deacon Ferreira said in the video?

To view the video of Deacon Ferreira as a Wisdom Figure of Preaching, click [here](#).