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While driving, I prefer lights to stop signs and yields to merges. Green lights and yield signs indicate that someone has the right of way. Stop signs and merges can be messier. I like the clarity that comes with red and green lights. That spills over into life and the desire for clarity in decisions and direction in life. Yet life is usually messier than that. In making choices, at times we are faced with yellow lights and the choice of speeding up or stopping. Moreover, much of life is a merge and the give and take of allowing space to others and making room for them. In the Scriptures, the disciples want the clarity of what following Jesus means and looks like. They seek what direction life is taking for them. They also look for an indication of who is most important.

Jesus teaches them simply to serve, to love as he has loved and to seek living the other values of God's kingdom: "truth and life, holiness and grace, justice, love and peace" (Preface for the Feast of Christ the King). Living those values creates a life of merging and making space for Christ by being his presence to others. In our area, traffic images usually lead to frustration, delays, and jams. However, may our life merge be the image of our desire to live out our call to holiness and to be of service in God's name to our brothers and sisters.

Live Jesus!

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