Scripture Verse References for Synodal Themes:

Fundamental question regarding “journeying together”:

1. The 3 actors on the journey: Jesus “the protagonist”, the crowd, and the apostles (references taken from the Vatican Preparatory Document):
   1. **Jesus**: PD # III.17
   2. **The Crowd**: PD # III. 18
   3. **The Apostles**: PD # III. 19
2. The Holy Spirit who guides us:
   1. Jn 16: 12-15

Themes:

1. **The Journeying Companions (Accompaniment)**
   1. Lk 24: 13-35 (Road to Emmaus)
   2. 1 Cor 13: 1-13 (Love is patient…)
2. **Listening (Who listens and who do we listen to)**
   1. Lk 4: 16-21 (The Spirit of the Lord is upon me…)
3. **Speaking Out (… with authenticity, courage and candidly)**
   1. Mk 12: 38-44 (The generous widow)
   2. Mk 10: 46-52 (Bartimaeus)
   3. 2 Tim 2: 8-13 (Paul offers up his sufferings for the salvation of others)
4. **Celebrating (Celebration occurs through prayer and the Eucharist)**
   1. Jn 15: 7-14 (I am the vine; you are the branches…)
   2. Lk 6: 17, 20-26 (The Beatitudes)
5. **Co-Responsible in the Mission (We are all in this together)**
   1. Lk 3: 10-18 (What can I do?)
   2. Acts 2: 1-11 (Pentecost)
6. **Dialogue in Church and Society (We are all the People of God)**
   1. Eph 3: 2-3a, 5-6 (We are co-heirs of the Kingdom)
   2. 1 Cor 12: 12-14, 18-27 (Members of the same body)
7. **With the Other Christian Denominations (Our Christian brothers & sisters)**
   1. Lk 3: 15-16, 21-22 (John said: “I baptize you with water…”)
8. **Authority and Participation (Working towards the same mission with respect)**
   1. Lk 4: 21-30 (No prophet is welcome in their own home)
9. **Discerning and Deciding (… together and guided by the Holy Spirit)**
   1. Jn 14: 15-17 (If you love me, you’ll keep my commandments…)
10. **Forming Ourselves in Synodality (Learning to live this way of BEING Church**
    1. Jn 17: 11-21 (Jesus’ prayer)
    2. Lc 6: 39-45 (Can a blind person lead another blind person…)