



Sixth week of Summer Faith Groups: July 21-27

Welcome & Prayer (5 mins)

Prayer

O God, protector of those who hope in you, without whom nothing has firm foundation, nothing is holy, bestow in abundance your mercy upon us and grant that, with you as our ruler and guide, we may use the good things that pass in such a way as to hold fast even now to those that ever endure. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever.

Our Father

Icebreaker (10 mins)

Open ended Question

Go around the circle everyone answering questions

What are you most thankful for? What is your favorite way to pray?

Check In

How did we do on last week's commitment? Did we accomplish it?

Proclaim Gospel: Luke 11:1-13 (10 mins)

Jesus was praying in a certain place, and when he had finished, one of his disciples said to him, "Lord, teach us to pray just as John taught his disciples." He said to them, "When you pray, say: Father, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come. Give us each day our daily bread and forgive us our sins for we ourselves forgive everyone in debt to us, and do not subject us to the final test."

And he said to them, "Suppose one of you has a friend to whom he goes at midnight and says, 'Friend, lend me three loaves of bread, for a friend of mine has arrived at my house from a journey and I have nothing to offer him,' and he says in reply from within, 'Do not bother me; the door has already been locked and my children and I are already in bed. I cannot get up to give you anything.' I tell you, if he does not get up to give the visitor the loaves because of their friendship, he will get up to give him whatever he needs because of his persistence.

"And I tell you, ask and you will receive; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you. For everyone who asks, receives; and the one who seeks, finds; and to the one who knocks, the door will be opened. What father among you would hand his son a snake when he asks for a fish? Or hand him a scorpion when he asks for an egg? If you then, who are wicked, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will the Father in heaven give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him?"



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Questions (10 mins)

1. What about this Gospel struck you?
2. What questions do you have about this reading?
3. What does it inspire you to do?
4. Do you ever feel like you can't ask God for things?
5. When we "knock" or ask, does God answer your prayers?

Summer Session "Getting More Out of the Mass" (20 mins)

Video by Fr. Mike "Why are Nondenominational Services More Entertaining than the Catholic Mass?"

Questions

1. What spirituality realities, unseen to the human eye are taking place during the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass that is unique to the Mass?
2. How could you talk to the family member or friend who has stop coming to the Catholic Mass and found something 'better' at the non-denominational service?
3. If someone is looking for an exciting bible study and great worship music, while they won't necessarily find it in the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass, where in the Catholic Church can they find it?

Commitment (5-10 mins)

Make a commitment that the group will do this week or individually.

Example: pray for someone new each day, pray for someone to come back to the Catholic church

Closing Prayer



O Lord, seize us with your
 power and light,
 help us to protect all life,
 to prepare for a better
 future,
 for the coming of your
 Kingdom
 of justice, peace, love and
 beauty.
 Praise be to you!
 Amen.
 POPE FRANCIS
 (Laudato Si' 246)

Intercessions

Hail Mary...

Glory Be...

Announcements/See you next session!

Join us for Ignite-Wed, July 31 in the Community Center at 6:30pm