

DVD : RECONCILIATION

SESSION II– JESUS’ MISSION: RECONCILIATION

PARTICIPANT HANDOUT

Pre-Session Assignment:

⇒ Download and bring this handout to Session II.

⇒ Prior to Session II, participants are expected to read the following Gospel passages:

- ◇ The Healing of the Paralytic (Matthew 9:1-8)
- ◇ The Call of Matthew (Matthew 9:9-13)
- ◇ The Prodigal (or Lost) Son (Luke 15:11-32)

⇒ After reading these Gospel readings, reflect upon the questions below. Choose the question which most resonates with you and that you are willing to share in a small group discussion.

- ◇ You reached out to someone in a debilitating condition (physical, emotional, spiritual, psychological) to help ease or even help to remove the pain of his/her situation?
- ◇ You believe in someone so much that you gave him/her a second chance for his/her personal growth and development?
- ◇ You forgave someone despite a cruel wrong done to you as your love for the person was greater than the hurt?

Chapter I: To Forgive or Not To Forgive

Discussion questions:

- ◇ *What are the costs of forgiving and not forgiving?*
- ◇ *What are the benefits of forgiving and not forgiving?*

Chapter II: The Power of Forgiveness

Discussion questions:

- ◇ *Ms. Lane went from fear to rage but eventually moved to reconciliation due to her “Catholic Conscience.” As a catechist, how would you describe a “Catholic Conscience” to someone?*
- ◇ *How does a “Catholic Conscience” allow one to see the eternal benefits of forgiveness?*

Chapter III: The Cost of Forgiveness

Discussion question:

- ◇ *As a catechist, why is it paramount for your classroom to be a haven of forgiveness?*
- ◇ *What is the personal cost to creating such a sacred space?*

Chapter IV: The Mission of Jesus

Discussion questions:

- ◇ *Biblical Scholars propose that the first image of God in the Bible is that of a Warrior, a God who protects us from the war between good and evil. Why is this image an important one to teach to our students?*
- ◇ *Father Guckin suggests that the sacraments are weapons that are God’s ways to reach out to us and we, to him. Explain.*

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