

Holy Family Parish Book Club : Rebuilt

SESSION 4

Facilitators Guide - Session Outline

MORNING

- 10:00-10:05 Opening prayer and comments
- 10:05-10:30 Small Group Discussion 1
- 10:30-10:35 5 minute Break
- 10:35-10:55 Video #4
- 10:55-11:25 Small group discussion 2
- 11:25-11:30 Closing comments and prayer

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Facilitators Guide – Small Group Discussion

FACILITATOR NOTE:

- Take 30 seconds to review the “Keep the Conversation Alive” guidelines on the Yellow sheet.
- Ask participants to have their books & study guides opened at the chapter **1** indicated next to the question.

Next STEPS

REFLECTION ON WEEK 3 CALL TO ACTION:

“Would anyone like to share their experience of reviewing and praying with the Next STEPS booklet this past week?” (refer to Session 3 guide)

FACILITATOR NOTE:

- Be prepared to explain the purpose of Next STEPS in case anyone didn’t have time, or was unsure about it. In particular, express that **the steps are all ways that we can grow deeper in our faith, are suggested for our own benefit as well as the parish / community, and that one small step is all that is expected at this time.**

CHAPTER 9

Discussion Question:

“Discuss some challenges to building, strengthening and maintaining community through small groups and other types of fellowship. List some challenges and possible solutions.”

FACILITATOR NOTE:

- If the discussion gets focussed around the challenges only – guide your group to search for solutions rather than just listing off more challenges / obstacles).

CHALLENGES:

- _____
- _____
- _____
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SOLUTIONS:

- _____
- _____
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Discussion Question:

“How can we change our culture, and raise givers who gladly and sincerely give out of their sense of stewardship for the church?”

*****Before answering this question, please take 1 minute to quietly read the last 3 paragraphs on page 177 (starting “Fundraisers can be fun...”)**

FACILITATOR NOTE:

- Remember that we are NOT talking about fundraisers or any kind of events or activities.
- Review the “Tithe & Give” step in the Next STEPS booklet to be clear on the real principles behind giving, how it benefits us – the givers, and try to guide the discussion toward those.

Watch Video #4:**God’s call to service**

The Church is to be a movement that makes an impact on the world. Father Michael shares how ministry and missions answer the call God gave Moses. God told Moses that he saw his people’s suffering and that he was sending him into the world to change that. Moses did not answer this call immediately or enthusiastically, and when he ultimately did, he didn’t find it to be an easy task!

The Church is sent into the world to relieve suffering and lead people to a better place. As the body of Christ – each and every one of us has a part to play – a responsibility to serve. Only when we answer the call, together, will God’s work will be done.

Discussion Question:

“What inspires people into ministry, and causes them to take ownership, responsibility and pleasure in serving God and serving others?”

FACILITATOR NOTE:

- Hopefully, everyone will agree that service is a shared responsibility for all parishioners, but some participants may still feel like it is a burden in some way.
- If this is the tone – refer to the inside page of the Next STEPS booklet – the second paragraph under “Find your next STEP...” where it says: *“They shouldn’t be seen as obligations that need to be checked off...”*

Discussion Question:

“Discuss some ideas / opportunities to serve others outside of our congregation in “mission” work. Discuss why we should do it.”

**Next
STEPS****CALL TO ACTION:**

Plan some time to pray this week, and continue asking God to help you take your next step toward discipleship.

- **Pray in the same way you did last week, or try something new?**
- **Be sure to write something down on at least one of the pages.**
- **Commit to taking your Next STEP by writing it at the bottom of the page, and write a date by which you will take action on it.**

FACILITATOR NOTE:

- Continue encouraging everyone to use the Next STEPS tool, and if necessary – reinforce the point that even the smallest of steps is still a move in the right direction.
