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JESUS GIVES HIS PARISH LIFE

Talk 3: Jesus Gives Us New Life

Quote 1: "For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him, might not perish, but might have eternal life." *John 3:16*

Quote 2: "Out if this attempt has come nearly all that we call human history--money, ambition, war, prostitution, classes, empires, slavery--the long terrible story of man trying to find something other than God which will make him happy." *C.S. Lewis, Mere Christianity*

Quote 3: "Behold the Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world." *John 1:29*

Quote 4: "For I delivered to you as of first importance what I also received, that Christ died for our sins, that he was buried, that he was raised from the dead." *1 Corinthians 15:3*

Quote 5: "The life I now live in the body I live by faith in the Son of God who loved me and gave himself for me." *Galatians 2:20*

Quote 6: "...Peter said to them, 'Repent and be baptized, every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins; and you will receive the Holy Spirit.'" *Acts 2:37-38*

Quote 7: "Sometimes Catholics have lost or never had the chance to experience Christ personally, not as a mere value or paradigm, but as the living Lord, the way, the truth, and the life." *Pope John Paul II*

Commitment Prayer

Lord God, please forgive me for all the things I have done wrong. I turn to you and turn away from sin (pause and ask forgiveness for anything you know is keeping you from God). Jesus, please be the center of my life. I welcome you personally as Lord and Savior of my life. I ask you, Holy Spirit, to fill me and empower me to live as a son or daughter of God. I want to have your grace to truly live a new life. Thank you for hearing my prayer, through Jesus, our Lord.
Amen.

Small Group Questions

- 1) What are the most obvious ways we see that the world is not quite right?
- 2) In your own life, how have you experienced the reality that something is not quite right?
- 3) What do you need to be saved from right now?
- 4) The good news of God's love for us cause us to make a personal response. What do you think about that?
- 5) Before this program, did you know that Jesus wants to have a personal relationship with you?
- 6) What is the biggest obstacle to you accepting Jesus as Savior and Lord of your life?