



FACILITATOR GUIDE

Session 9: From Protestant Pastor to Catholic Professor

Primary Presentation Objective

- Renew a profound, faithful, and reverent love for the one, holy, Catholic, and apostolic Church rooted in Sacred Scripture.

Secondary Presentation Objectives

- Learn from the wisdom of Dr. John Bergsma's experience and gain inspiration and practical tools for our own journey.
- Gratitude for the fullness of truth within the Catholic Church.

Essential Small Group Goals

- Non-judgmental towards other denominations of Christianity.
- Renew our minds and our hearts in the splendor of the truth.

Questions from Video Presentation

- Should the religion we believe and practice be a matter of our culture and upbringing, or is it a question of finding the truth about God and how to serve Him? If it is a question of truth, what are our sources of truth?
- What issue(s) did I find to be a compelling reason for joining the Catholic Church? Are there other such issues? Is there a strong reason that motivated you or someone you know to enter the Church? Can you come up with a list of common reasons that lead people to become Catholic?

Supplemental Questions

- What struck you most about Dr. John Bergsma's conversion story?
- How important is it to understand the Catholic Church's teaching on salvation (faith and works) as well as where it receives its source of truth (Scripture, Tradition, Magisterium)?
- Would you be able to explain the Church's teaching on these foundational theological issues with clarity, but even more importantly, with charity?

Next Week!

- Speaker: Dr. John Bergsma Topic: Why God?

OPTIONAL PREPARATION FOR NEXT SESSION

Scripture: Romans 1
Religious: CCC #198-231

