



FACILITATOR GUIDE

Session 12: Why the Catholic Church?

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

- Enter more deeply into the splendor of the Church from the perspectives of Unity, Holiness, Internationality, and its Foundation by Christ himself.
- Appreciation for the Divine Institution that Christ founded upon Peter. We are all too aware of the shortcomings of human sinfulness within the Church, but today is about what the Church is and what she offers to us.

Essential Small Group Goals

- Help men develop a deeper gratitude and appreciation for the Catholic Church.
- Help men have the knowledge they need to speak clearly and charitably to others about the Catholic Church.
- Help men steer clear from negative conversations about the Catholic Church or about other denominations.

Questions from Video Presentation

- What are some features that make the Catholic Church unique among organizations that call themselves churches?
- Should the Church you join be a matter of convenience: what's closest to you, has the most appealing worship services, the best childcare, etc.? Yes or no, and why? What are good criteria for determining the church to associate with?

Supplemental Questions

- What did you take away from Dr. Bergsma's analysis of the Catholic Church being the only Church that can make the claim to be: One, Holy, Catholic, and Apostolic?
- Were you aware of early Church fathers such as St. Irenaeus and his clear teaching in regards to the Catholic Church? What did you think of his quotes from the presentation today?
- What struck you and helped you the most from this mini-series from Dr. Bergsma on "fundamental apologetics"?

Next Week!

- Speaker: Michael Gormley

Topic: A New Springtime

OPTIONAL PREPARATION FOR NEXT SESSION

Scripture: Matthew 28

Religious: Evangelii Gaudium

