



FACILITATOR GUIDE

Session 17: Meet Your Spiritual Father

Primary Presentation Objective

- Help the men grow in appreciation of the profound holiness of St. Joseph and to understand him according to the scriptures and mystical tradition of the Church.

Secondary Presentation Objectives

- Inspire the men to take St. Joseph into their lives as a true spiritual father and a powerful intercessor.
- Inspire the men not only to learn from the great virtues and holiness of St. Joseph but to aspire to be more like him, growing in virtue and holiness.

Essential Small Group Goals

- An awe-inspiring discussion on the holiness and powerful intercession of St. Joseph leading to practical insights and personal devotion.
- A realization for how much the example of St. Joseph is especially important in our modern times. There is a reason we will spend multiple sessions on St. Joseph. Help the men ponder and discuss that reason. In God's providence, right now he is making the "hidden one" more widely known.

Questions From Video Presentation

- Why is St. Joseph a "true though virginal father of Jesus"?
- Have you taken the St. Teresa Challenge of invoking St. Joseph for something difficult? Is there any challenge presently in your life that would invite you to bring St. Joseph into the situation?

Supplemental Questions

- What struck you in today's presentation on St. Joseph?
- In what ways can St. Joseph help you as a husband, as a father, as a worker, and as a man before God?
- How important is St. Joseph in our modern times? Why spend several TMIY sessions on St. Joseph?

Next Week!

- Speaker: Dr. Mark Miravalle Topic: The Shadow of the Father

OPTIONAL PREPARATION FOR NEXT SESSION

Scripture: Matthew 1 and 2

Religious: The Shadow of the Father, Fr. Andrew Doze

