



Reflection and Discussion Packet

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Episode 1
What Do You Seek?

You are living in your dash right now. What do you want out of your dash?

Recall the story of Bill Hanzlik, the coach from the Denver Nuggets from this episode. Have you ever had an experience that seemed negative turn into something positive?

Jesus's first words in the Gospel are "What do you seek?"
What are you looking for in your life right now?

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Episode 2
Who Are You?

What do you think of the difference between body and soul?

How do you know you are more than just your physical being?

What image with the near-death experience sticks in your mind?

What struck you the most from the information shared regarding near death experiences?

Each person has inherent value because they are created in the image of God.

Each person stands out against the entire galaxy.

Each person has a soul that will last much longer than Mount Everest.

What do you think of this?

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Episode 3
Why A God?

Why has the Catholic Church put so much effort and time into science discoveries?

What is the relationship of science to faith?
How are they similar and how are they different?

What good does God's existence make in a person's life?

This week ask God to show you if he exists. If you already have faith, ask him to increase it.

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Episode 4
What's Our Story?

What was God's original plan for us?

Why is there evil in our world?

"Without a love story, marriage is just a to-do list," what do you think of that quote?

Do you know someone who has a great relationship with God? How do you know it's great?

Do you see the Christian life as a set of rules? Explain.

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Episode 5
Who Is Jesus?

Do you have a mental image of Jesus? Describe it.

Who has Jesus been to you throughout your life?

How would you respond if someone said Jesus wasn't a real person?

St. Oscar Romero says, "Christianity is not a collection of truths to be believed, of laws to be obeyed...Christianity is a person, one who loved us so much, one who calls for our love. Christianity is Christ." Take time this week to consider that Christ would have come even if you were the only soul to save.

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Episode 6
Am I Saved?

What was your reaction to the story about the father and son in the Armenian earthquake?

God wants to come into our mess. Can you share a time when you've experienced God coming into your life and loving you?

How does Christ's sufferings correlate to sufferings in our own lives?

Does following Christ mean your life will be easy? Explain.

Is salvation a one-time thing? Explain.

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Episode 7
Why a Church?

For reflection and discussion...

The Church is the family of God that's been lovingly gathered through our entire story. It's the place we were meant to encounter His grace that prepares us for every step of life. The God that is love knows how we're made - material and spiritual - we need tangible ways to live our faith. We can't be spiritual but not religious. This is where we'll find the ultimate happiness in life. This is where the God that has been seeking humanity, who wrote the deepest desires onto our human hearts, encounters us. Jesus' first words to humanity in the Gospel of John are "what do you seek?" The one that asked the question not only knows the answer, He IS the answer - the answer to everything, and you find him most profoundly here in His Church.

What does the astronaut's love of the Eucharist tell you?

What has been your experience of church?

The next time you hear someone say, "I don't need a church. I see God in nature." what will you say?

How do I access Jesus who lived 2000 years ago? How do I live this call of love?
The answer: We uniquely encounter the love of God in His Church.
What does this mean to you?