

QUESTIONS FOR MEGACHURCH PASTOR

BOOK DISCUSSION SESSIONS ---TUESDAY EVE—6:30-8:00P.M. & THURS. MORNINGS FROM 9:30-11A.M.

Place: Holy Family Room

Facilitator: Sister Ruth Platte, SLW

Time frame:

Prayer and announcements

45 mins Discussion

30 mins Group Responses to 3 questions chosen by the group for discussion

Closing Prayer

Session 1—Sept 27 or Sept 29

Introduction

Chapter 1: Old House

Chapter 2: Dining Room

Opening Prayer

**Loving Father, Open our hearts and minds and allow us to see the beauty of our faith.
Show us what is possible and fill us with the grace, strength, and wisdom to
live all the good things we explore here together.**

Send your Spirit upon us so that we can discover your dream for us.

We ask you to bless in a special way the hungry, the lonely, the sick, and the discouraged.

Remind us of our duty toward them and inspire us to be filled with a profound gratitude.

We ask all this through your Son, Jesus. Amen.

Questions the Introduction and Chaps 1&2

Discussion Questions:

- 1. Introduction: Reflect on David's conversion experience when he heard the words "When are you going to stop serving yourself and start serving me?" How did it change his life? Have you had any similar "conversion experiences"?**
- 2. Introduction: Do you know of anyone who has had a similar journey in coming to the Catholic Church because of what they came to see as "hidden treasures of the Catholic Church"? What was most influential in their conversion journey?**
- 3. Old House: The author relates that even without his invitation, God started to reveal hidden treasures of what he thought of as an "old house" the Catholic Church. What did he (or you) come to see as hidden treasures of our Church?**
- 4. Old House: Which idea most struck you from Chapter One? Why?**

5. Old House: What would it take for Catholic also to go from thinking of the Church an old house to “my home”? Or as the author says “a new home in an old house”?
6. Dining Room: How does the author use the dining room image to express his attraction to the Eucharist?
7. Dining Room: p. 17 the author gives many references on the Eucharist. Which ones are your favorites and Why? In your thinking why do Protestants find the mystery of the presence of Jesus in the Eucharist so attractive?
8. Dining Room: The author states that “In the Eucharist, Jesus fuels and empowers His Church.” If that is true, why is it that many born and raised Catholics are not attending Sunday Mass? What are the consequences for the future of our Church when people are not bringing the next generations to the “dining room”?

Closing Prayer:

Loving Father,

I invite you into my life today and make myself available to you.

Help me to seek your will in all things and become a living example of your love in the world.

Open my heart to the areas of my life that need to change in order for me to carry out the mission and experience the joy you have imagined for my life.

Inspire me to live the Catholic faith in ways that are dynamic and engaging.

Show me how to best get involved in the life of my parish.

Make our community hunger for the Eucharist.

Give me courage when I am afraid, hope when I am discouraged, and clarity in times of decision.

Help me to find my home truly in the house of Your Church and help me to bring others to the Table of the Eucharist. We ask all this in the name of Jesus, the Living Word Amen

Announcements

***Next Session: Oct 18 6:30-8:00 p.m and Oct 20 9:30-11 a.m. HFR**

***We will discuss: Chapters: 3,4,5**

***Check out questions for this session on-line www.ccstpaul.com posted by Oct 10th. Follow the pathway for ministries then adult faith formation.**