

Feast of Feasts: Advent, Christmas, and Epiphany with St. Francis

Discussion Guide

Discussion groups may use the following prompts as a weekly icebreaker: How have you seen or experienced God's love in the previous week? Put another away, what has been Godly or what was your moment closest to Christ? Next, watch the video and discuss the questions on the screen, which are copied below. Then discuss the readings, using the discussion questions in the text of the book to prompt conversation. Close by sharing prayer concerns and have one person pray for the group's needs.

Week One - Humility

- Who have you known or learned of who had the sort of godly humility we are describing in this video?
- How has serving others in some way changed your own view of yourself?

Week Two - Simplicity

- Who have you known, or known about, that lived what you consider to be a simple life?
- What would a step toward greater simplicity look like for you?

Week Three - Compassion

- How has someone shown you compassion when you needed it?
- Is the Holy Spirit speaking to your heart about how you might be called to show compassion? What do you feel challenged to do?

Week Four - Peace

- Have you known someone who seemed at peace? What source do you think provided that sense of peace?
- Is there a conflicted situation in your family, church, or workplace where you might serve as an instrument of peace?

Week Five - Love

- What is your most precious Christmas memory?
- Has there been a time when you experienced God's presence in the messiness of life or in an unexpected place?

Week Six - Creation

- When has coming in contact with God's creation been a holy experience for you?
- What do you do or have you done that was part of our call to be stewards of creation?

Week Seven - Joy

- What has sparked joy in you recently?
- Francis looked to find joy in circumstances that are far from ideal. Have you experienced joy in what was a demanding or challenging situation?