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Small Faith Sharing Group Reflection Guide *Cycle A*



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Introduction

This Advent 2004 Small Faith-Sharing Group Reflection Guide is prepared for small faith-sharing group members in Catholic parishes and communities. The Reflection Guide combines Cycle A readings of the Sunday Lectionary with meditations, reflection questions and the Objectives from the Personal Mandate of Spreading the Holy Fire: A Plan for Catholics Evangelizing in the Archdiocese of Chicago for an evangelizing perspective.

This Season of Advent marks the beginning of a new liturgical year, which coincides with a special *Year of the Eucharist* decreed by Pope John Paul II (please see page 3.) Advent is a time to prepare the table for God's coming, by waiting and prayerful watching. Waiting and watching involve getting ready, which is an active discipline.

Each week of Advent offers the grace to gather with other disciples of Christ. As we encounter Jesus in a new way, we grow to *believe* more deeply in Him. Our shared experience and belief empower us to *share* our faith with others. Together, we take our deepened belief into personal relationships in family, friends, the workplace, our parish, neighborhoods and nation to *transform* the world into God's Reign: a kinder, better, more loving place. Believe, share, transform: this is what it means to be a disciple of Jesus, to be a Catholic, and to evangelize.

As a member of a small faith-sharing group, you will gather weekly with others to grow in faith. Be open to the process of growth that comes from sharing. Be open to the gift of holiness. Take responsibility for your own participation and encourage others to take part. The entire group benefits and grows together. As a small group member, please follow these guidelines:

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| Prepare | Get ready for the meetings by reading the Scriptures and reflection material before the meeting. |
| Participate | Pray. Read the Scriptures when asked. Respond aloud to the reflection questions. However, you may choose to "pass" at any time without explanation. |
| Pray | Pray for the group leader, the other members of the group and for yourself between meeting times. |
| Be Present | Attend all meetings unless pressing circumstances prevent it. |
| Be Personal | Talk about your own experience and share your own thoughts about how God speaks to you through the Scripture. Listen to the stories of others in the group and refrain from giving advice. |
| Be Confidential | What is shared in the group stays in the group. Realize that some areas may be too sensitive for people to respond to the faith-sharing questions or share an insight. |
| Be Gentle | If differences of opinion arise, respect those differences. There are as many ways to experience God's presence as there are people. We are all growing and on the journey together. Make the effort to understand another's viewpoint by being tender and kind. (Ephesians 4:15). |

May this Advent be a rich experience of God's love that leads you to share that love with others.

Cycle A

The Gospel of Matthew

Insights on Evangelization

The Scripture readings for the 2004-2005 Liturgical Year are from Cycle A of the Sunday Lectionary. In Cycle A, Sunday liturgies draw their Gospel readings from Matthew. While each Gospel proclaims the Good News of Jesus Christ, each of the four evangelists has a different perspective depending on the author's background, intention, audience, message and theme.

Author/Audience

Many scripture scholars believe that Matthew was of Jewish heritage and wrote to the Jewish community. The Gospel contains many allusions to people and events in the Jewish Scriptures found in the Pentateuch and the Prophets. Throughout the text, the author shows Jesus giving new meaning to the beautiful traditions of Judaism. Scholars' estimate that the Gospel of Matthew was written in the 80's AD. Matthew's Gospel is an unfolding story of the teaching of Jesus and the events in His life.

Message and Themes

In Matthew's Gospel, Jesus is the new Moses, who reveals who God is and what God's will is. Jesus is Emmanuel - God with us - his name given before He was born, and communicated in His last words and final promise to His disciples at the Gospel's end. (Matt. 28:20ff)

By reaching out in mercy to the unjust and the "enemy," Jesus revealed that God is close and compassionate to all humanity. God wants a direct, loving relationship with everyone. It is God Who will bring about salvation and justice in the world.

Jesus is the Messiah of the Jews and for the entire world. Jesus broke through the boundaries of Judaism to include the Gentiles in God's story of salvation. Mercy and compassion are the tools that Jesus uses to build the Kingdom of Heaven. Divine power works through Jesus to heal people. Jesus' words and works embody God's command to love. The many parables of Jesus point to the Kingdom of Heaven, It's presence and triumph in human history. The cross showed Jesus' death is a once-for-all sign of His love and fidelity to God; His resurrection began a new day and age to respond to God's grace by believing in Jesus.

How the Gospel of Matthew Relates to Evangelizing

All who profess to be Catholic Christians are called to be active disciples of Jesus.

Commit: Just as Matthew's Gospel is a narrative, an unfolding story of Jesus' commitment to do God's will, so are our lives a "gospel" and unfolding story of our commitment to follow Jesus and do God's will.

Believe: Jesus is the Messiah of every Christian, who is called to have an ever-deepening trust, and participate in a community of love, forgiveness and reconciliation.

Share: As disciples, we learn from Jesus, imitate Him and commit to the mission to "go and make disciples" of all humanity, believing that Jesus is with us always.

Transform: As disciples, we are charged to endure and do good works, not just use words. We will be judged on our love of God and neighbor by our works of love and service.

Source: Fr. Donald Senior, C.P. and PHEME PERKINS, *Gospel of Matthew, Reading Guide, The Catholic Study Bible, New American Bible, Oxford Press, pages RG388-RG405*. Please review the article for more detail on this Gospel.

“All around us, people are starving for faith and love, meaning and hope. More urgently than ever, we are called to evangelize.” *Francis Cardinal George, Introduction, Spreading the Holy Fire*

The Eucharist, Jesus, is the food for humanity that fills the starving and hungry with good things – the very life of God. On the Feast of Corpus Christi, Pope John Paul II decreed The Year of the Eucharist to celebrate “*The Eucharist, source and summit of the life and mission of the Church*”.

The Year of the Eucharist begins in October 2004 at the International Eucharistic Congress in Guadalajara Mexico and ends with the Synod of Bishops on the Eucharist in October, 2005. This Year encourages all Catholics to deepen their prayer life and develop a higher standard of Christian living. Two distinct ways include active celebration of the Eucharist at Mass and Eucharistic Adoration within the Church. To effectively evangelize, Catholics must give an authentic witness to Christ through their lives. The Eucharist is necessary for this to happen.

During the Year of the Eucharist, small faith-sharing communities have a unique opportunity to reflect upon the Word of God from the Sunday Lectionary.

At the 2004 Chicago Catechetical Conference, Fr. Donald Senior, C.P. delivered a talk “Biblical Foundations of the Eucharist.” Fr. Senior presented three images found in the Gospels that are central to a Catholic understanding of the Eucharist: Communion, Meal and Sacrifice. *Communion* is that movement of belief in God that involves listening, appreciating diversity, with the end of achieving union with God. *Meal* is that movement of sharing in the life of God with others and inviting them to the table of the Eucharist. *Sacrifice* is that movement of self-emptying, giving of oneself out of love for others. As Eucharist, Jesus unites these movements.

Communion, Meal and Sacrifice are closely related to the goals of evangelizing: Believe, Share and Transform. Communion is built and builds upon belief through union with Christ. Meal presupposes a community who share the Bread of Life with others and is always inviting and welcoming newcomers to God’s table. Sacrifice is based upon the intention, words and actions to bring about transformation of society and the world into God’s Reign.

By participating in the Year of the Eucharist, we should expect that the Holy Spirit will help us grow deeper in our belief, instill in us a greater urgency to share our faith with others, and impel us to transform life into God’s Reign of love, justice and peace. Be prepared for this to happen.

This Liturgical Year’s series of Small Faith-Sharing Group reflection guides will offer materials through a progressive sequence through the Liturgical Calendar, outlined below.

Advent:	Preparing the table
Christmastide:	Preparing the meal; welcoming the Bread of Life
Winter Ordinary Time:	Inviting the guests
Lent:	Getting dressed for God’s feast
Easter tide:	Dining together with God
Summer Ordinary Time:	After-dinner talk: Building God’s community of love
Autumn Ordinary Time:	Preparing for God’s meal to come (harvest)

May the Year of the Eucharist renew our faith, hope and love to live and share the Good News.

PREPARE THE ENVIRONMENT

Optional: Prepare a small table, containing an Advent wreath, with four candles. Place a small roll or loaf of bread in its center. You may choose another symbol, display a small cross and enthrone a Bible. Have small note cards and pens available. Use this or another centerpiece that symbolizes the preparation to receive Jesus during the Advent season.

BECOME ACQUAINTED

Go around the table or circle with each person sharing his or her name. Mention one thing you hope to receive from meeting with your small group.

GATHER TOGETHER IN THE PRESENCE OF CHRIST

Leader: As we gather together, we recall how God has come into our lives this past week and how God is present in our midst now.

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*Come Holy Spirit,
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RECALL GOD'S BLESSINGS

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READ THE SCRIPTURES

1st Reading: Isaiah 2:1-5
2nd Reading: Romans 13:11-14
Gospel: Matthew 24:36-44

Read the Sunday Scriptures out loud together. Afterward, mention which scripture passage touched you and why. What does the passage mean to you in your own life at this stage of your personal spiritual journey?

REFLECT AND SHARE

Reflect on each question below in turn or use your own questions. Allow group members, if they wish, to answer that question before the group moves on to the next question.

First Reading

The very first reading of the new Liturgical Year in the Year of the Eucharist is from the first book of Isaiah. The text presents a vision the prophet had of future, the Reign of God. The reading is rich in images of God's Reign: the primacy of God's presence, a desire to learn of God, converting tools of war into instruments that build up humanity, rejecting war and the working for peace, walking in God's light.

Reflection Questions: What images from this reading are most comforting to my belief in God? Which are most challenging? Why?

Second Reading

In the reading from his Letter to the Romans, St. Paul called the Roman community to wake up and to stay alert. He contrasts light and dark, day and night, with the way the community is to behave: to live justly and avoid lives that contradict the Gospel.

Reflection Question: How do I "put on the Lord Jesus Christ" in the actions of my life to give witness to others?

Gospel

In today's passage from the Gospel, Jesus addressed His disciples and emphasized the need to be prepared for God's coming. This saying of Jesus contrasts the uncertainty of life with normal expectations. His coming will be at a time we do not expect.

Reflection Question: Where does Jesus appear in my life to call me to work at transforming society into God's Reign?

PRAY FOR EACH OTHER

Pray together for any petitions and any needs that you might have. Stand in a circle together around the centerpiece and say the Our Father. Pray daily this week for the person on your right. If you wish, break the small roll from the table and share it with those in the group.

LEAVE TO EVANGELIZE YOUR WORLD

Reflect on your mission to grow deeper in your relationship with God, offer hospitality and welcome to others and work for transformation in your daily life.

This coming week:

Believe/Communion: Pray for peace each day this week - personal inner peace, peace in the family, neighborhood, community, Church and world.

Share/Meal: Be aware of your personal lifestyle and pick one area where you can increase your hospitality with others.

Transform/Sacrifice: Choose to use the media wisely in your family this week to communicate a Gospel value of preparing for Christmas.

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2nd Reading: Romans 15:4-13
Gospel: Matthew 3:1-12

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The reading from the Book of the Prophet Isaiah includes a multitude of images related to God's Servant. God's Servant will be filled with the Spirit, rich in wisdom, knowledge, understanding, counsel, strength fear of the Lord. The Servant will focus on justice and faithfulness. God's Reign, the work of God's Servant, will result in a new understanding and relationship of peace and harmony in all of creation.

Reflection Questions: Which images of God's Reign in this reading are inspiring to me? Why?

Second Reading

This reading from St. Paul's letter to the Romans is one of hope and encouragement. The text implies how necessary the witness of the Christian community is to build each other up, welcome one another and reach out to others, particularly those considered as outsiders, the Gentiles.

Reflection Question: How do I encourage my Catholic friends to share faith stories with those outside of our tradition?

Gospel

St. Matthew's Gospel presents the appearance of John the Baptist, a messenger of God, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. John's encounter with the religious leaders of the day challenged shallow, exterior religious practices that did not result in "good fruit" - works of peace and justice. John's witness was to the One to come who would baptize with the Holy Spirit and fire.

Reflection Question: How does the Holy Spirit work in and through me to bring about peace and justice?

PRAY FOR EACH OTHER

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This coming week:

Believe/Communion: In prayer, ask for the gift of God's Reign to unfold more in your life. Write down what occurs during the week.

Share/Meal: Send a Christmas card to a long-forgotten neighbor, friend or acquaintance in a spirit of welcome and friendship.

Transform/Sacrifice: Reach out to someone in a shelter for the homeless, abused women or children to show good will.

PREPARE THE ENVIRONMENT

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2nd Reading: James 5:7-10

Gospel: Matthew 11:2-11

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The reading from the Prophet Isaiah offers images (or visible signs) of the results of God's saving presence: transformation of the desert into a garden, strength instead of weakness, faith in place of fear, healing in place of illness, freedom and joy in place of captivity and sorrow.

Reflection Question: Which images of God's Reign in this reading are inspiring to me? Why?

Second Reading

In the Letter of James, the author encouraged the Christian community to endure hardship in patience and hope. The text offers the imagery of a farmer sowing, enduring all of the conditions in the growing season, but anticipating the harvest. So, too, disciples are to endure the realities of community life in a way that brings about greater love and peace.

Reflection Question: How do I encourage those in my faith community through my example of living as a disciple of Jesus?

Gospel

Today's passage from the Gospel of Matthew poses a dialogue between John the Baptist and Jesus. John's poignant question, "Are you the one who is to come, or should we look for another?" is a question still asked by the world today. Jesus' answer to John is still valid today: the good news is proclaimed to the poor, restoration is occurring. Jesus' testimony to John is still valid to all disciples: we are messengers sent ahead of Jesus, to prepare His way.

Reflection Question: How does my life show to the world that Jesus is the One Who is here and Who is to come?

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This coming week:

Believe/Communion: Buy a poinsettia and place it in a central spot. Ask for God's grace to make your life rich and verdant with His presence.

Share/Meal: Make it a point to affirm others' good qualities and show appreciation for the way they bless your life.

Transform/Sacrifice: Be an agent of transformation: visit someone who is shut in or lonely.

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2nd Reading: Romans 1:1-7

Gospel: Matthew 1:18-25

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First Reading

The previous Advent readings from Isaiah were visions and proclamations of God's Reign by the Prophet. Today's account is part of a dialogue, a conversation of faith between Ahaz, King of Judah, and God about a visible sign of God's working. While Ahaz was not willing to ask for a sign of God's saving action, Isaiah proclaimed that God Himself would give a sign of salvation - a child would be born - Emmanuel - God is with us.

Reflection Question: How do I feel about receiving Jesus as my Emmanuel this Christmas?

Second Reading

In this passage from the beginning of his Letter to the Romans, St. Paul wrote about his call and duty to share the Gospel with others. Paul addressed the community as those called to be holy and to belong to Jesus Christ.

Reflection Question: What can I do to share my faith with others this Christmas so that they will feel like they belong to Jesus Christ?

Gospel

Today's passage from the Gospel of Matthew is a story about Jesus' birth. The narrative talks about cooperation between the supernatural and the natural. Mary's pregnancy occurred through the Holy Spirit. God revealed His plan of salvation to Joseph through an angel. Joseph's decided to follow the angel's command and took action to accept Mary as his wife. Transforming the world takes place when humanity decides to cooperate with God and take appropriate action.

Reflection Question: How do I cooperate with God to bring about the birth of peace and justice in the world?

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This coming week:

Believe/Communion: Take time this week to reflect on Jesus' coming in a new way in your life at Christmas. Then, tell Jesus how you feel.

Share/Meal: As you prepare to celebrate Christmas with your parish and your family, do something special as a sign of welcome and hospitality.

Transform/Sacrifice: Ask the Holy Spirit to guide you in a decision to help someone who is poor.

Afterword

Renewal of Baptismal Vows/ Profession of Faith

I reject sin so as to live in the freedom of God's children.

I reject the glamour of evil and refuse to be mastered by sin.

I reject Satan, father of sin and prince of darkness.

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, His Only Son, our Lord, who was born of the Virgin Mary, was crucified, died and was buried, rose from the dead and is now seated with the Father.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the dead and life everlasting.

Comments are Welcome

Thank you for participating in these small faith-sharing group sessions, reflecting on Scripture in the light of evangelization. By virtue of baptism, everyone is called to evangelize. If you are interested in working in evangelization in a greater way, ask your pastor about joining a Parish Evangelization Team or participating in an outreach ministry at your parish.

The Office for Evangelization would appreciate your comments, experiences, thoughts and ideas on what you or your group has learned through the small-faith sharing process. You may write, call, fax or e-mail comments to:

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Apostolic Letter, *In Novo Millennio Ineunte*, Pope John Paul II, January 6, 2001

Angelus, Pope John Paul II, June 13, 2004

Encyclical, *Ecclesia de Eucharistia*, Pope John Paul II, April 17, 2004

Fr. Donald Senior, C.P., "Biblical Foundations of the Eucharist", Chicago Catechetical Conference, Rosemont, IL, September 25, 2004

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