

Session Six

NOW IS OUR TIME

Reading: Part Four, Chapters Nineteen through Twenty-one

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 to become the-best-version-of-ourselves,

and have the courage to defend and celebrate this true self

in every moment of our days.

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.

Discussion Questions:

1. Now that you have read *Rediscover Catholicism* and have participated in this group, do you feel inspired to get more involved in the Church? How do you feel called to contribute?
2. If the Church's future is going to be bigger than its past, it seems education and evangelization are key.
 - a) How can you become better educated about Catholicism?
 - b) What are some simple ways that you can evangelize in your circle of influence?
3. It seems everybody wants the Church to change in some way or another. When you and I change for the better, the Church changes for the better. Are you willing to change?
4. In what areas of your life are you a leader? How did Chapter Twenty challenge your leadership style?
5. Jesus' message over and over in the Gospels was, "Do not be afraid." What are you afraid of? How is that fear stopping you from being all God created you to be (the-best-version-of-yourself)?
6. If our lives genuinely improve only when we grow in virtue, what virtue do you sense God is calling you to grow in at this time in your life?
7. In what ways did you rediscover Catholicism by reading this book and participating in this small study group?
8. How many people do you know who need to read this book? How are you going to encourage them to read it?

Closing Prayer:

THE DYNAMIC CATHOLIC PRAYER

Loving Father,

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

Help me to become the-best-version-of-myself
by seeking your will and becoming 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 hungry for best practices
and continuous learning.

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

Teach me to enjoy uncertainty and lead your Church
to become all you imagined it would be
for the people of our times.

Amen.