

2018-19 BSP#8 Group Time Discussion

[The word of God] stands as the support and energy of the Church...the food of the soul, a pure and perennial fountain of spiritual life. [天主聖言] 是教會的支柱與力量...靈魂的食糧：精神生活清澈不竭的泉源。(梵二啟示憲章 21)。

(A) For understanding Better 為求明白得更好 (15 minutes)

1. Read 3:11-12a and Acts 3:19-20. The notion of “hastening” this day’s coming is unusual. The day of God will come when God so wills, and not according to our efforts or calculation. What does Peter mean by “hastening” the day of God? Choose the best answer from below and explain your choice: (a) Do more good works. Jesus returns only when enough good works have been performed. (b) Repent, pray and live a holy life. Our repentance, prayers and manner of life allow us to participate in God’s purpose to hasten the day of his return. (c) Evangelize. Jesus returns only when enough people have been baptized as Christians.

(Hint: the underlined statement is key; the answer is related to the suggested readings.)

閱讀 3：11-12a 和宗 3：19-20。要“催促”這日子的來臨這觀念很不尋常。天主的日子會在天主願意的時候到來，而不是根據我們的努力或計算。伯多祿說要“加速”天主的日子的來臨是什麼意思？從下面選擇最佳答案並解釋您的選擇：(a) 做更多善工。只有在完成了足夠的善工時，耶穌才會回來。(b) 悔改，祈禱，過聖潔的生活。我們的悔改，祈禱和生活方式使我們能夠參與天主的旨意，以加快他回歸的日子。(c) 傳福音。只有當有足夠的人受洗成為基督徒時，耶穌才會回來。

(提示：劃線的語句是關鍵;答案與建議要閱讀的經文有關。)

2. Read 3:16. Peter and Paul have disagreed before (see Gal 2:11-13). Is Peter’s comment in 3:16 a disapproval of Paul’s letters? Explain why it is or isn’t. (Hint: read Gal 5:13).

閱讀 3:16。伯多祿和保祿以前曾經意見不合(見迦拉達書 2：11-13)。伯多祿在 3:16 的說話是否代表他反對保祿的書信呢？解釋它為什麼是或不是。(提示：閱讀迦拉達書 5:13)。

(B) For Living Better 為求生活得更好(10 分鐘)

Read 3:8-10. Some Christians today have so adopted the spirit of judgment that they have no room for the patience of God that seeks repentance. They are like Jonah who relished the imminent judgment about to fall on Nineveh and was actually disappointed when the people repented! What would you say to such Christians? What would you do to avoid making yourself one of them?

閱讀 3：8-10。今天有些基督徒滿腦子審判的精神，以至於他們沒有足夠空間去接受天主為尋求悔改所作的忍耐。他們就像約納一樣，對即將落在尼尼微的判決感到欣慰，當他們竟然悔改時，他便很失望！對這樣的基督徒你有何勸告？你會做什麼來避免讓自己成為他們的一份子？