

2018-19 BSP#1 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) 小別重聚，分享近況。Update After Summer Break (10 minutes)

組長帶領下，請輪流簡單介紹自己，並分享在過去的暑期裡所參與過的一個特別的屬靈活動或一次難忘的屬靈經歷。為甚麼特別和難忘？有何得著？若有新人加入，請同時歡迎他們。Group leader to ask the group members to take turn to do a very brief self-introduction. In the introduction, share one special spiritual activity/event that you joined or one unforgettable spiritual experience that you had in this summer break. Why was it special or unforgettable? How did you benefit from it? If new members joined your group, please give them a warm welcome.

(B) 溫習和討論(十分鐘)。Discussion and Review (15 minutes)

苦難是伯前主題，我們將多次重覆討論。今天的經文中，伯多祿勸勉信眾在各種試探中受苦時要歡躍(1:6)。在常理中，受苦代表沒有喜樂。若這樣，我們應如何明白伯多祿的教導呢？提示一：試從耶穌基督復活，使人重生和充滿生命的希望去看；提示二：試從耶穌在路 6:22-23 的教導去看。從一(極小)至五(極大)，伯多祿這教導對你處理和面對苦難幫助有多大？

Suffering is a main theme of 1 Peter that we will discuss again and again. In today's text, Peter asks the believers to rejoice while suffering through various trials (1:6). In the natural order of things, suffering means a lack of joy and happiness. If this is true, how are we supposed to understand Peter's teaching? Hint 1: Try to understand it from the perspective of our new birth and living hope that are made possible by Jesus' resurrection; hint 2: See the issue from Jesus' teaching in Luke 6:22-23. On a scale of 1 to 5 (1 being not helpful, 5 being very helpful), do you find Peter's teaching on how to deal with suffering helpful?