

2017-18 BSP#2 Group Time Discussion

I believe in order to understand; I understand and the better I believe (St. Augustine). 我信以求明白；我明白所以信得更好(聖奧斯定)。

(A) 我們查考以求明白 We Study In Order To Understand(10 minutes)

試用你的聖經或 CSB 查考第六引言(1:10-12) 的出處。這經文本來論及的是誰？現希伯來人書作者用它來談論誰？那麼作者談論的人的身份是甚麼？
Try to use your Bible or CSB to find out the O.T. source of the 6th citation. Whom does the original O.T. passage refer to? Whom does the author of Hebrews refer to in citing this O.T. passage? By inference, what is the identity of the person being discussed by the author of Hebrews?

(B) 我們明白所以活得更好 We Understand And the Better We Live (10 minutes)

今天晚上我們認識到，天主的話語是屬神的，也是大能的(見路 4:36, 若 18:6)。沒人可以與耶穌相遇和感受到祂的臨在後，仍依然故我。這相遇使人不再聾、或啞、或麻瘋、或被罪壓得透不過氣、或死亡。它能使人看清自己的罪惡而深感哀傷(路 5:4-8)，或疑惑激憤(路 4:22, 28)，或歡欣莫明(路 19:37)。「如雨和雪從天降下，不再返回原處，只有灌溉田地，使之生長萌芽…同樣，從我口中發出的言語，不能空空地回到我這裏來；反之，它必實行我的旨意，完成我派遣它的使命」(依 55:10-11)。天主向人說話是我們所研討的致希伯來人書的主題；這主題像線般貫連全書。你有沒有感受到天主話語改變人靈的大能呢？在這與聖言相遇的經驗中，你是否準備好了去接受改變？是怎樣的改變(參考上述例子)？

This evening, we learned that God's word is divine; it has power (see Luke 4:36, John 18:6). No one who encountered Jesus ever left his presence unchanged. They left no longer deaf, or leprous, or burdened with guilt, or dead; or they left pierced with conviction of sin (Luke 5:4-8), or puzzled and fuming with rage (Luke 4:22,28), or full of joy (Luke 19:37). "For just as from the heavens the rain and snow come down and do not return there till they have watered the earth, making it fertile and fruitful...so shall my word be that goes forth from my mouth; it shall not return to me void, but shall do my will, achieving the end for which I sent it" (Is 55:10-11). As we study the Letter to the Hebrews, in which the theme of God speaking runs through like a thread, can you feel the transforming power of His word? Are you ready to be changed in your encounter with the Word? How (see fore-mentioned examples)?