

2021-2022 BSP#7 Group Time Discussion

(A) 為查考和認識的題目 Questions for Studying and Understanding (10 minutes)

1. John mentioned “the world” three times in 4:5. Given his description of the world in 2:15-17, what do you think the world stood for in John’s mind?
 - a) Sensual lust, enticement for the eyes
 - b) A pretentious life
 - c) It is passing away
 - d) It is away from God and toward boasting in worldly possessions and power
 - e) All of the above

若望在 4:5 中三次提到「世界」。鑑於他在 2:15-17 中對世界的描述，你認為世界在若望心目中代表什麼？

- a) 肉身的貪慾，眼目的貪慾
 - b) 人生的驕奢
 - c) 它要過去
 - d) 遠離天主，趨向誇耀世俗財富和權勢
 - e) 以上所有
2. John has a key message for us in 4:7-21. The message is so important that he repeated it 4 times and used it as the bookends of this entire section. What is this message? Identify the repetitive verses and the bookends.

若望在 4:7-21 中有一個關鍵信息要告訴我們。這信息非常重要，以至於他重複了 4 次，並將其用作這段經文的書擋。這信息是什麼？請指出重複的經文和書擋在那裡。

(B) 為反思和應用的題目。Reflection and application question (15 minutes)

For St. Augustine, love is the key that opens the door to a true understanding of the Bible: “Anyone who thinks that he had understood the divine scriptures or any part of them but cannot by his understanding build up this double love of God and neighbor, has not yet succeeded in understanding them.” This is not necessarily how some people read the Bible. For instance, some people mainly see the Bible as a frightening prediction of the end of the world; some emphasize the accuracy of the Old Testament in predicting Jesus. Please discuss why it’s important to read the Bible based on St. Augustine’s understanding and how reading the Bible in this manner has transformed you into a more loving person.

對於聖奧斯定來說，愛是打開真正理解聖經之門的鑰匙：「任何人認為自己已經明白了聖經或其中的任何部分，但卻不能通過他的理解而建立對天主和對鄰人的雙重愛，便等如沒有成功地理解他們。」這不一定是某些人閱讀聖經的方法。例如，有些人主要將聖經視為世界末日的可怕預言；有些卻著重舊約如何準確地預告著耶穌。請討論為什麼根據聖奧斯定的理解來閱讀聖經很重要，以及以這種方式閱讀聖經如何使你變成一個更有愛心的人。