

| | | |
|-----------------|---|--|
| <p>A</p> | <p><u>Fidelity to the Ministry of Teaching</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> “... What you have heard from me before many witnesses entrust to faithful men who will be able to teach others also.” – Like Paul and many witnesses within the Church, we are instructed to faithfully pass on the apostolic faith, including teachings and ordained priesthood. “No soldier on service gets entangled in civilian pursuits, since his aim is to satisfy the one who enlisted him.” – The commitment expected of Timothy is exemplified in the soldier, the athlete, and the farmer. Fishers of people must remain faithful to their ministry by letting go of all other secular pursuits. | <p>2:1-7</p> <p>2:1-2, CCSS, CSB</p> <p>2:3-7, CCSS, CSB</p> |
| <p>B</p> | <p><u>Suffering for the Sake of the Gospel</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> “Remember Jesus Christ, raised from the dead, a descendant of David” – Probably from an early credal formula. “Descendant of David” implies the fulfillment of Messianic promise. Laboring and enduring hardship are both effective means of evangelization. For the Gospel, Paul is “chained”, “but the word of God is not chained”. This is the most effective means of evangelization. “If we are faithless, he remains faithful – for he cannot deny himself” – a covenant, the return of the prodigal son. For Christians, death is already a thing of the past and resurrection is in the future; perseverance is the present. Perseverance is love as it “endures all things”. | <p>2:8-13</p> <p>2:8 CCSS, 2Sam 7:12 Is 11:1, Acts 2:34-36</p> <p>2:9-13 CCSS, Col 1:24 Rev 7:14-17</p> <p>2:13 CCSS Lk 15:11-32 1Cor 13:7</p> |
| <p>C</p> | <p><u>Rekindling the Gift; Suffering for the Sake of the Gospel</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> “Wrangling over words” and “profane chatter” are fruitless. One must “rightly explaining the word of truth” to avoid ruining “whose who are listening”. “But God’s firm foundation stands” – false teachings from heretics are abundance, but one must build their foundation on God’s words and teachings of the Church to avoid being misled. “The Lord knows | <p>2:14-26</p> <p>2:14-18, CCSS SN2</p> <p>2:19, CCSS 1Tim 3:15, Num 16</p> |

Chinese Martyrs Catholic Church
Bible Sharing Program 2019-20
Session #7: Fidelity to his Ministry; Suffering with Christ,
Scripture Inspired by God

| | | |
|----------|--|--|
| | <p>who are his.”</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> “In a large house there are utensils not only of gold and silver but also of wood and clay, ... All those who cleansed themselves of the things I have mentioned will become special utensils, dedicated and useful to the owner of the house, ready for every good work” – those who serve God can be good or wicked; however, if they are determined to improve, they will be cleansed. | 2:20-21, CCSS 176 |
| D | <p><u>Foretelling of the Sufferings in the Last Days</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> “... in the last days distressing times will come. For people will be lovers of themselves ...” – Paul presents a parade of nineteen vices, “lovers of themselves” is the top one, implying that loving oneself is the root of all evil. “Avoid them” => “reject them” in the origin text, meaning excommunication. “As Ja’nes and Jam’bres opposed Moses” – a Jewish tradition; not recorded in the OT => not by Scripture alone. | <p>3:1-9</p> <p>3:1-5 CCSS</p> <p>3:5 CCSS Mt 18:17, 1Cor 5:25</p> <p>3:8 CSB, Ex 7:11-13 1Cor 10:4, Acts 20:35</p> |
| E | <p><u>Examples of Defections and Loyalty</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> “All who want to live a godly life in Christ Jesus will be persecuted” – this does not only apply to Christians of the time but also all of us. “All scripture is inspired by God” – What does inspiration mean? “Scripture” includes both NT and OT. Scripture serves four “useful” purposes: “for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness”. “... so that everyone who belongs to God may be proficient” = by Scripture alone; don’t we need other types of assistance? | <p>3:10-17</p> <p>3:12 CCSS, CSB Mk 4:17, Mt 5:10-11 Acts 14:22, 1Pet 4:12-13</p> <p>3:16 CCSS, CSB , SN1, 1Tim 2:13</p> <p>CCSS</p> <p>3:17, CSB, 2Th 2:15, 1Tim 3:15</p> |

Chinese Martyrs Catholic Church
Bible Sharing Program 2019-20
Session #7: Fidelity to his Ministry; Suffering with Christ,
Scripture Inspired by God

SPECIAL NOTES

1. For holy mother Church, relying on the belief of the Apostles (see John 20:31; 2 Tim. 3:16; 2 Peter 1:19-20, 3:15-16), holds that the books of both the Old and New Testaments in their entirety, with all their parts, are sacred and canonical because written under the inspiration of the Holy Spirit, they have God as their author and have been handed on as such to the Church herself. In composing the sacred books, God chose men and while employed by Him they made use of their powers and abilities, so that with Him acting in them and through them, they, as true authors, consigned to writing everything and only those things which He wanted.

Therefore, since everything asserted by the inspired authors or sacred writers must be held to be asserted by the Holy Spirit, it follows that the books of Scripture must be acknowledged as teaching solidly, faithfully and without error that truth which God wanted put into sacred writings for the sake of salvation. (Dei verbum 11)

[The Scriptures], then, give expression to a lively sense of God, contain a store of sublime teachings about God, sound wisdom about human life, and a wonderful treasury of prayers, and in them the mystery of our salvation is present in a hidden way. Christians should receive them with reverence. (DV 15)

The Church has always venerated the divine Scriptures just as she venerates the body of the Lord...(DV 21).

2. "The teacher should not serve the words but the words the teacher." (St. Augustine, *On Christian Doctrine* 4.28.61.)