

## 2011-12 BSP#9 Group Time Discussion

*L – Low, M – Medium, and H – High, indicate the difficulty of a question. Group leaders should select questions that are challenging to their groups but not so difficult that their group members cannot answer.*

### **(A) “He Opened to Us the Scriptures” - Questions for scriptural reading and discussion** **(Time available: 10 minutes. Do any 2 questions.)** 「祂給我們講解了聖經」- 為讀經及共同討論的問題(用十分鐘時間，討論 2 個問題)

1. [H] The word “paradise” in 12:3 is *paradeisos* in Greek. The Greek version of this word makes its first appearance in which book of the Old Testament and what does it refer to? Read Ezek 36:35. What did God promise through Ezekiel about this “paradise”? Paul was transported up into “Paradise” in his mystical journey. Is the paradise a place your eyes can behold visually? What do you think it is like? 在 12 章 3 節的“天堂”一詞源自希臘文的 *paradeisos*。這字第一次出現於舊約中的那一本書? 請閱讀厄則克爾 36 章 35 節。天主對厄則克爾講說“天堂”時應允了什麼? 保祿在他的神秘經驗中被提升到“天堂”中。這“天堂”景象是您肉眼所能看見的嗎? 您認為那是怎麼樣的?
2. [M] Based on the information provided by Paul in 11:22, 3:1, 11:4, 2:17, 11:20, 10:13-18, and 10:2, 10; how do you describe the precise identity, activities, and mission of the “false apostles” Paul referred to in 11:13? 依據 11 章 22 節、3 章 1 節、11 章 4 節、2 章 17 節、11 章 20 節、10 章 13-18 節、及 10 章 2 節 10 節的資料，那被保祿在 11 章 13 節所指為“假宗徒”的，您會如何正確的說出其身份、活動、及使命?
3. [L] What do you think was the “thorn” Paul referred to in 12:7? 您以為保祿在 12 章 7 節所說的“刺”是什麼?

### **(B) “Did Not Our Hearts Burn?” – Discuss one of the questions below for meditation, prayer, and application. (Suggested time: 15 minutes)** “我們的心不是火熱的嗎? “為默想，祈禱，實踐”的題目，請用十五分鐘討論以下任何一條問題。

1. Read 11:3-4. If a noted or popular preacher says something that sounds a little different from what you have been taught, how do you determine whether to believe it or not? How can you protect yourself from being “taken in” by plausible opinions of theologians who disagree in some respect with the Church’s teaching? 請閱讀 11 章 3-4 節。若某位很孚眾望的佈道家所講的道理與您所學的有差異，您如何決定當如何信從呢? 您如何保護自己不致“誤信”某些對教會訓導不同意的神學家所教授的道理呢?
2. Reflect on Paul’s discourse on his personal sufferings in 12:7-10. Why do you think God sometimes says No to your requests? Why is it that the experiences you go through in dealing with many things in life are often not the experiences you like? How content are you to accept the fact that Christ’s grace – and not the answer you want – is enough for you? 請默想保祿在 12 章 7-10 節中有關他所受困苦的談話。為何天主有時不答應您的祈求? 為何自己一生中面對許多事的經歷不是自己想要的? 縱使您得不到您所想望的，您是否仍滿足於基督給您的恩寵呢? 有多滿足?