

2007-08 BSP#5 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 Reflection and Discussion (Time available: 20 minutes. Do at least 2 questions.)

1. [H] Why do you think Adam’s “rule” over his wife would cause him anguish, too? Hint: Contrast Adam’s “rule” over Eve with the “guardianship” that he received from God in Genesis 2:15. What are the differences between the two? Read 2 Samuel 13:8-15 to understand the anguish that results from a man’s rule over a woman.
2. [M] Read Ephesians 5:21-32. Although a husband is “the head of his wife,” how is a Christian husband’s authority different from the domination or “rule” of Genesis 3:16?
3. [L] Think about A&E as they were expelled from the Garden. Look back over Genesis 3 and share with your group every evidence you can find that God still loved and cared for His human creatures.

(B) “Did Not Our Hearts Burn?” – Question(s) for Group Meditation and Prayer.
Select either (B)1 or (B)2. (Suggested time: 15 minutes)

1. “The man called his wife Eve, because she became the mother of all the living” (Genesis 3:20). The perfect fulfillment of this prophetic verse is Mary, the New Eve, the Mother who gave us life in abundance through Jesus (cf. John 10:10).

How easy is it for you to think of Mary as your Mother? Specifically, how does Holy Mary help you in your spiritual life? What private devotions are your favorites?
2. Are you suffering from the “no-anger syndrome”? If yes, explain how you suffer from it, and whether the ideas you learn from this evening’s BSP session will help you recover from it. If no, explain how you manage to avoid the trap.

Please leave one minute for the group leader to close the Group Time discussion by leading the group to say Hail Mary and Glory Be once.