

2013-14 BSP#1 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] What is the meaning and significance of the expression “the obedience of faith” (1:5) in the Letter to the Romans?
「服從信德」(1:5)的意義和重要性是甚麼？
2. [M] What does “the wrath of God” (1:18) suggest to you? Can God possibly be overcome by a surge of anger? What exactly does this expression mean?
對你來說，「天主的忿怒」(1:18)是指甚麼？天主也會因一時的忿怒而不能自我嗎？這措辭的真義是甚麼？
3. [L] “God handed them over to their undiscerning mind to do what is improper” (1:28). How is allowing the stubborn and unrepentant sinners to persist in their sin an expression of God’s judgment on them?
「天主也就任憑他們陷於邪惡的心思，去行不正當的事」(1:28)。為甚麼天主對固執和不知悔改的人的審判，會用任憑他們陷於邪惡中的方式來表達呢？

(B) “Did Not Our Hearts Burn?” – Discuss one of the two questions below for meditation, prayer, and application. (Suggested time: 10 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一條問題。

1. “[T]hat I may share with you some spiritual gift so that you may be strengthened, that is, that you and I may be mutually encouraged by one another's faith, yours and mine” (1:11-12) – What spiritual gifts do you have that you can share with others? Within your Christian environment, how do you share these gifts with other Christians, and how do you receive encouragement from the gifts of others?
「因為我切願見你們，把一些屬於神性的恩賜分給你們，為使你們得以堅固，也就是說：我在你們中間，藉著你們與我彼此所共有的信德，共得安慰。」(1:11-12) – 你有甚麼屬於神性的恩賜？可否與其它人分享？在你週圍基督徒圈子中，你如何和其它基督徒分享這些屬於神性的恩賜呢？你如何因別人同樣的恩賜而獲鼓勵？
2. Read 1:26-32. How have the attitudes of those who are militantly opposed to the moral teachings of the Church affected your own moral outlook? How carefully do you examine the influence of the media or the opinions of friends or relatives on your moral attitudes?
請看 1:26-32。那些強硬反對教會道德訓示的人，他們所持的態度如何影響你在道德上的表現呢？你有沒有小心審察傳媒和親友的意見如何影響了自己在道德問題上所持的態度？