

2013-14 BSP#8 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. [M] Read 11:5. To what does the biblical concept of a “remnant” refer? Name one example of remnant in the OT. 請閱讀 11：5。聖經中所謂的「殘餘」指的是什麼？請由舊約中舉一個例子。
2. [H] Compare 12:1-2 with 1:18-32. Identify two main differences between pagan and Christian worship? 請比較 12：1-2 和 1：18-32，指出兩點外邦人的崇拜與基督徒的崇拜有何不同。
3. [M] Read 12:19-21. What does God promise Moses in Deut 32:35? What must Christians recognize, and what is their duty toward enemies? 在申命紀 32：35 中，天主許諾給梅瑟什麼？基督徒應明瞭的是什麼？基督徒對敵人的責任是什麼？

(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，請用十分鐘討論以下一條問題。

1. In 11:1-6, Paul referred to some doubts and failures that Israel had experienced in the past. If God had not abandoned Israel in those failures, he believed God also would not abandon Israel in spite of its current unbelief. What kinds of doubts or life circumstances have challenged your own faith? What effects have these doubts had on your faith? How is it that you have managed to retain any faith at all, given your doubts or circumstances?
在 11：1-6 中，保祿指出以色列人過去的無信與失敗。他相信如果天主在那時沒有放棄以色列人，天主也不會在他們現在的無信中放棄他們。您的信仰也曾因疑惑或生活的狀況而面對挑戰呢？您如何在那情況下保持了信仰？
2. Refer to 12:2. In what ways do you “conform” to the standards of the social, economic, political, or ideological world you live in? Why does Paul advise against being so conformed? How do you allow yourself to be “transformed by the renewal of your mind”?
請閱讀 12：2，您如何與現今世界中的社會標準，經濟狀況，政治氣候，或理想的主義妥協？為什麼保祿勸大家不要妥協。您又如何讓自己能由心靈的革新而有所不同？