

2019-2020 BSP#4 Group Time Discussion

[The word of God] stands as the support and energy of the Church...the food of the soul, a pure and perennial fountain of spiritual life. [天主聖言] 是教會的支柱與力量... 靈魂的食糧：精神生活清澈不竭的泉源。(梵二啟示憲章 21)。

(A) 為查考和認識的題目 Questions for Studying and Understanding (15 minutes)

1. 保祿為什麼在 4 : 1-2 中使用「良心已烙上了火印」來形容那些「說謊者」？「良心已烙上了火印」的人對自己的過錯有何感覺？對於那些恐怖分子和大規模殺手，這描述有何恰當之處？

Why does Paul use “branded consciences” to refer to the “liars” in the last times in 4:1-2? How do people with “branded consciences” feel about their own wrongdoings? How is this a good description for the terrorists and mass killers?

2. 在 4 : 14，長老們把手放在弟茂德身上，將他祝聖為主教。列舉其他支持這種做法的舊約案例。（提示：戶 27 : 18-23，申 34 : 9，戶 8 : 10-11）。

In 4:14, the elders laid their hands on Timothy to consecrate him as a bishop. Name other OT cases that support this practice. (Hints: Num 27:18-23, Deut 34:9, Num 8:10-11).

(B) 為反思和應用的題目。Reflection and application question (10 minutes)

「因為天主所造的樣樣都好，如以感恩的心領受，沒有一樣是可擯棄的；因為樣樣都是藉天主的話和祈禱祝聖了的。」(4:4-5) 請討論這個概念與消費者思維方式之間的衝突。生活在我們這個消費社會中的人，他們會否認同大自然（森林，樹木，大氣層，水，土壤等）是美好的，並且必須懷著感恩之心去領受呢？快餐和即食品的文化是否反影著感恩的心態？當我們的消費社會無法將創造視為一份禮物時，會帶來什麼不良後果？

“For everything created by God is good, and nothing is to be rejected when received with thanksgiving, for it is made holy by the invocation of God in prayer” (4:4-5). Please discuss how this concept conflicts with the consumer mindset. Do people living in our consumer society think the nature (forest, trees, atmosphere, water, soil, etc.) is good and must be received with thanksgiving? Does our culture of fast food and instant foods reflect a thanksgiving mentality? What are the bad consequences when our consumer society fails to appreciate creation as gift?