

FAITH SHARING GROUP ~~ RETHINKING CATHOLIC DEVOTIONS
WEEK 4 CHAPTERS 7 & 8

Opening prayer:

Let us proclaim the mystery of faith:
Christ has Died
Christ is Risen
Christ will come again.

Check in Question

What has been the heaviest cross you have had to bear?

Reflection questions for Chapters 7 & 8

1. "All stories are true, but some of them really happened." This is a quote often used to describe storytelling. What family story would you share with us?
2. Jesus was the fruit of God's love. You, made in the image and likeness of God, are fruitful as well. How are you sharing the fruits of your life?
3. Why do you think the Church requires the sacraments to be celebrated in community?
4. Which of these devotions do you love, or perhaps would like to explore further: the Sacred Heart of Jesus, the Sacred Wounds of Jesus, the Precious Blood of Jesus, the Holy Name of Jesus, devotion to the Holy Face of Jesus, or Divine Mercy?
5. Clark described Jesus' spirituality. Which type of spirituality nourishes you or energizes your faith?
6. Have you ever entered into a covenant only to discover that your partner understood it as a contract? What was that experience like?
7. God loves us not because we are good, but because God is good. Whom do you love unconditionally in that same way?
8. In the First Letter of John, we are asked to test the spirits. We call this process discernment. How have you engaged in discernment in your own life?
9. Which devotion leads you to a place of awe and wonder?

Closing Prayer:

For Whom and what shall we pray?

Loving God,

Thank you for the stories that shape us, the memories that connect us, and the people who walk beside us. Some stories bring laughter, others tears, but all remind us of your presence in our lives.

You created us in your image and likeness and planted within us the seeds of your love. Help us recognize the gifts and fruitfulness of our lives and share them generously.

Through the sacraments and our life together in community, remind us that we never walk this journey alone. Open our hearts to the many ways you draw us closer to you. May the devotions of our faith deepen our love for Jesus and fill us with awe and wonder.

Teach us to love as you love—not because others have earned it, but because love is who you are. Give us the wisdom to discern your voice and the courage to follow where the Spirit leads.

And when the crosses we carry become heavy, remind us that Jesus walks beside us.

May our lives become stories of your grace and reflections of your unconditional love.

We ask this through Christ our Lord.

Amen.