



Week Leading up to 9.27.20: Belief tied to Action.

***{Start with reviewing the previous Meetings Challenge or discuss prior to sharing this week's challenge.}**

Let's Begin: Think about how the challenge went for the last session. What went well? What was difficult?

Opening Prayer:

Begin with a brief moment of silence shaking off any and all distractions or difficulties of the day and remembering that God is always with us.

Read: MT 21:28-32

After the Reading Conclude with this prayer:

Heavenly Father, give me the grace and strength to put Your words and ideas into action. May my belief and faith in You drive my daily actions and worldview. May I see as you see, hear as you hear, act as you desire and love as you love. Amen.

Reflection Question from the Gospel Story:

1. What does this Gospel story mean to you?

YouTube Video: Bishop Barron on Why What You Believe Matters (9:23) - <https://youtu.be/carFbpDsRPI>

Reflection or Discussion Questions:

2. Did anything Bishop Barron say in this video stand out or resonate with you?
3. Bishop Barron seeks to display that actions begin from ideas/beliefs and therefore what you believe deeply matters for right action to take place. Had you considered this before?
4. Do you believe there is a wedge in our society between theological doctrine based beliefs and actions? Do you have any examples to share?
5. Can you think of an example when your Christian/Catholic belief concretely drove your action even when it went against your comfort? Please share.
6. Do you think/feel that that it is easier or harder to make decisions when you have a set of doctrines to guide your actions? Why or Why not?
7. Bishop Barron shared how Love is a participation in God's way of being. How would you go about defining love if there is no God?

Session Challenges: {Choose one or all}

- Read over the infallible teachings of the Catholic Church (Dogmas):
<http://www.catholicapologetics.info/thechurch/councils/summary.htm>
- Pick one of the infallible teachings from the list above and discuss with someone before your next meeting.
- Ask another person this week what makes them believe what they do about any topic of your choice.

Closing Prayer: (Leaders: We recommended offering time during the closing prayer for participants to offer personal intentions.)

Dear Heavenly Father, we thank you for Your Church. Increase our belief, faith and understanding of You and Your Church. We know that our understanding of what love is comes from You. Continue to shower us with Your grace so we can respond to Your love by living according to Your plan. Amen

{Optional additional Readings}

Sunday Reading1: EZ 18:25-28 Sunday Reading 2: PHIL 2:1-11 or 2:1-5