



Week Leading up to 12.6.20: We are called to be Witnesses

***{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: Mark 1: 1-8

After the Reading Conclude with this prayer:

Lord God, You have called each of us through baptism to be your messengers and witnesses. Give us courageous and loving voices to boldly make a path for You in our own hearts and in the hearts of others. Like John the Baptist, may the way we live look different from the ways of the popular world around us. We make ourselves fully and totally Yours. Amen.

Reflection or Discussion Question:

YouTube Video: The Most Motivating Talk I've Ever Heard - Father Mike Schmitz (6:27)

<https://youtu.be/J6gPK1OoVjs>

Reflection or Discussion Questions:

1. Did Fr. Mike say anything in this talk that really inspired you?
2. Did Fr. Mike say anything in this talk that really challenged you?
3. Why do you think our culture was able to "break" such a devout man's faith and love for the Eucharist?
4. Have you had any memorable times when you have witnessed to Christ and your faith? How did it go?
5. Being fully honest, is there anything that holds you back or makes you fearful to powerfully witness your faith in Christ to others?
6. Is there anything you can concretely do in the next week to become a better witness?

Session Challenges: {Choose one or all}

- Reflect on and offer a prayer of thanksgiving for the people who have provided a great faith witness to you.
- Ask God to help you see any areas of your faith life where you have become lazy or complacent.
- Pray that God provides you an opportunity in the next week to witness the hope that is within you, then keep an eye out for that opportunity.
- Invite someone you know to attend an Emmaus Small Group meeting with you or encourage them to register in January. ESG Registration information can be found at www.olsorrows.com/esg/

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

Jesus, give us the grace and help to fight the temptation to be lazy and comfortable and complacent. We want to be a people of purpose and courage. We want to be the saints you call us to be in 2020. Show us how we can get to work for you. Amen.

{Optional additional Readings}

Sunday Reading 1: [IS 40:1-5, 9-11](#); Sunday Reading 2: [2 PT 3:8-14](#)