

## Session One Reflection Questions

Think of your relationship with Christ as a friendship.

Describe how this relationship has grown over time.

Describe the moments you felt closest to Jesus.

Describe the ways in which you feel Jesus' support.

When have you felt God's forgiveness in your life?

How hard was it to ask for that forgiveness?

How difficult to receive that forgiveness?

**What was the consequence in your life of being forgiven by God?**

**Identify joyful moments in your faith life.**

**Identify tense moments in your faith life.**

**In what ways has fear been part of our sense of God?**

**In what ways has fear been overcome in your sense of God?**

**How can I show more clearly the joy that is part of my faith?**

**How can my family more clearly show the joy we have in Jesus?**

**How can our parish community better radiate its joy?**

## Session Two

### Reflection Questions

Try to put into words how the Gospel and your faith became so important in your own life?

What would you say is the most important aspect of your faith for you today?

How does the Spirit enliven you?

How do I “explain the hope” that is within me?

How might I describe what God’s grace has been in my life?

What is the way God’s grace has become clearest to me?

**How might you build a common space to dialogue for someone who:**

**Was angry at a priest, pastoral leader, or parish?**

**Braggs about never going to church?**

**Claims to be an atheist?**

**Feels too full of shame to go near a church?**

## Session Three Reflection Questions

On a scale of 1 to 5, with 5 meaning “very” and 1 meaning “not at all,”  
how open are the various doors of your parish in terms of welcome and sacramental welcome?

1            2            3            4            5

Explain your ranking.

On a scale of 1 through 5, with five being the “most,” where would you rank  
your parish in terms of being mission oriented?

1            2            3            4            5

Explain your ranking.

List the ways your parish now:

Is mission-oriented.

Could be more mission-oriented.

**List the people your parish**

**Easily meets and engages with.**

**Least easily meets and engages with.**

**List the ways your parish and staff**

**Is a resource for people to visit:**

**Seems remote for people to meet and engage with:**

**Creates ways to meet and engage new people:**

**Discourages new people from involvement:**

**Welcomes and involves people:**

**Doesn't welcome and involve people very well:**

How would you describe your parish in terms of being a place of:

Dialogue

Proclamation

Charitable Outreach

Celebration

Explain your descriptions.

Rank from 1 to 5, with 5 meaning “very much”,  
your parishes connection with the homes and the lives of people:

1            2            3            4            5

Explain your ranking.

Rank, from 1 to 5, with 5 being “very much,”  
your parishes involvement with the poor:

1            2            3            4            5

Explain your ranking.

Of the following possibilities, please pick the top three areas in which you think your parish should begin its evangelizing activity:

Outreach to inactive Catholics?

Outreach to people without a church family?

Formation of parishioners in Scripture sharing?

New efforts toward making our parish known to others?

Spiritual renewal program?

Home visitation (a) to parishioners; (b) to everyone?

Youth and Young Adult Ministry?

Other directions?

As you think of building an evangelization team, think of parishioners who...

Who would be good on an evangelization team.

Who would benefit and enjoy undertaking something new.

Who would be willing to be trained.

Who could lead an evangelizing effort.

Who can liaison well with the pastoral staff.