The Source: Small Group Questions

1. FULFILLMENT: is this all there is?  (Thesis: Nothing but God will bring fulfillment--He is the SOURCE of ABUNDANT LIFE)
   1. What one thought stood out or most impressed you as you watched this video? Discuss.
   2. Fr. Bill describes sin as our “Wanting to be like God”. What are your thoughts on this? What one solution did God propose to repair our sinful tendencies—to bridge the gap between God and ourselves? How does this truth make you feel?
   3. Fr. Bill also talked about gifts Jesus give us through Baptism
      * 1. Membership into His family
        2. His indwelling
        3. Some guiding principles to live by

Which of these gifts most resonates with you? Why?

* 1. Would you say you are living the “Abundant Life?” Why or why not?
  2. If what Fr. Bill said is true, that Jesus is the Source of ABUNDANT LIFE, how would getting to know Him better affect your daily life?

1. ***HIS***TORY: just the facts (Thesis: The historical evidence of the Christian faith is factual and compelling --Jesus is the SOURCE of TRUTH.)
   1. What one thought stood out or most impressed you as you watched this video? Discuss.
   2. What speaks most clearly to you about who Jesus is? Reading about Him and what He said in the Gospels? Historical evidence? Witness of the martyrs and Saints throughout history? Church teachings, i.e. the Catechism or something you learned as a child? Something else?
   3. If you believe that Jesus is the Son of God, the Way, the Truth and the Life, it should have an impact on your life… and your death. How much thought have you give to this teaching? What difference has believing or would believing make in your life?
   4. What have you seen in other people’s lives that gives witness to the truth of Christ’s claims?
   5. If what Fr. Alec Scott said was true, that the Bible is a reliable, highly respected, historic document and that the words of Jesus are TRUTH, how should this affect your daily life?
2. FORGIVENESS: the road to freedom (Thesis: Everyone needs to receive and extend forgiveness in order to experience peace. Jesus’ payment for our sin enables this--Jesus is the SOURCE of PEACE.)
   1. What one thought most stood out or impressed you as you watched this video? Discuss.
   2. No Jesus, no peace. Know Jesus. Know peace. In what ways does knowing Christ’s forgiveness help us to live peace daily?
   3. Share an experience of forgiveness –either forgiving or being forgiven—where you felt Christ at work in your life. OR an experience in which you need help in finding forgiveness.
   4. Fr. Mario Majano shared that he had drifted away from the Church, not “physically” but in other ways. Share ways you may have experienced drifting in your own life.
   5. If what Fr. Mario said is true, that Jesus and experiencing His forgiveness is the source of PEACE, what steps can you take this week to “rest” in His peace?
3. CONNECTION: prayer made easy. (Thesis: Prayer along with Scripture study, worship and the Holy Spirit-connect us to God the Father, He is our SOURCE of JOY.)
   1. What one thought most stood out or impressed you as you watched this video? Discuss.
   2. What is Msgr. Pope’s one rule for prayer? (Show up) What obstacles do you experience when you try to pray?
   3. Msgr. Pope describes prayer as “paying attention to God.” Share an experience you’ve had paying attention to God in your daily life or in prayer.
   4. Close this session in prayer. Each person say ONE THING to God for which they are thankful for today. And this week--try the ACTS prayer at home: Adoration, Contrition, Thanksgiving and Supplication.
   5. If what Msgr. Pope said is true, that connecting to God through His word, in the Sacraments and in prayer are the source of JOY, how could this affect your daily routine this week?
4. LOVE: food for the soul (Thesis: The Church, the Body of Christ, is needed because through it the Sacraments are obtained and the community of believers encourage and strengthen one another on the spiritual journey. The Church is the SOURCE of LOVE needed by the world.)
   1. What one thought stood out or most impressed you as you watched this video? Discuss.
   2. Fr. Chris shared an experience about running a race and being encouraged by a group of Marines in order to finish strong. Tell about an experience of encouragement you may have had in the Church to help you along your race.
   3. The Church states that the Lord showers us with grace through the Sacraments. How might the world, the church, your parish, your family or you be transformed by a deepened understanding, appreciation and embracement of the Sacraments?
   4. Discuss Fr. Chris’ idea that states: when we make God’s love visible in concrete actions, we become the “sacraments” (means of God’s grace coming to earth) to others. How can we do this?
   5. If what Fr. Chris claims is true, that the Church is the Body of Christ and the source of LOVE, how could this affect your daily life?
5. HOPE: community in mission (Thesis: The Church is on mission through encounter, accompaniment, community and service --the Church is the SOURCE OF HOPE for the world.)
   1. What one thought stood out or most impressed you as you watched this video? Discuss.
   2. The Church is a community in mission, sent by Christ. This community of believers is a conduit of Christ’s love to the world. Can you give an example of a friend or neighbor who has been Christ to you?
   3. Fr. Smith said he needed adult reasons to “eat vegetables” as well as for his faith. Discuss adult reasons why you believe, (or don’t believe) not simply because “grew up that way.”
   4. Identify ways in your life that you could share the light of Christ to others.
   5. If what Fr. Pat Smith said is true, that the Church is the source of HOPE for the world, how could this affect your daily life? Make a plan as a group (or even as an individual) to be the difference—to share the HOPE the world needs.