

Questions for "Rediscovering Catholicism" by Matthew Kelly

Here are some questions to ponder for each gathering. These are intended to create discussion.

They are not intended to be the only questions for our gatherings. Please come prepared to share these and other questions and observations you have from reading the text.

March 12: Chapters 1-3

Introductory Pages

1. How did you react to the story of the child who has the immunity to save the world?
2. Do you think Kelly's analysis of people lethargy towards the faith fits your observations of Catholics and Christians in general?
3. How do you see the "church being on loan to us from future generations"?
4. What is your reaction to the great achievements of the Catholic Church?
5. How do you react to Matthew Kelly's "striving" to become the best version of yourself?

Chapter 1

6. How has our society been numbed to sin? (p. 8)
7. How do you strive to be authentic in your life? (p. 9)
8. Who is an example of someone authentic in your life?
9. How are Catholic part or not part of our cultural milieu? (p.9)
10. How are you overloaded by the social, political, and economic climate? (p. 10)
11. How do you experience the new culture of "show me" instead of "tell me"? (pp. 10-13)

Chapter 2

12. Do you have a philosophy or rule of life? What is it? (p. 16)
13. How do you relate to the statement, "individualism is a cancerous growth"? (p. 17)
14. How do you define freedom? Where have you seen it authentically or falsely lived? (pp. 17-18)
15. Where do you see hedonism? (pp.18-19)
16. Where do you see minimalism at work/home/school/church? (p. 19-21)

Chapter 3

17. How would you describe the philosophy of Jesus? How is it different than that of the world? (pp. 23-27)
18. How are some of our "stolen moments of happiness just "shadows of something infinitely greater"? (p. 25)
19. How are you living/not living out the scripture "I have come that you may have life and have it to the fullest (John 10:10) (p.27)
20. Are you striving or just surviving?
21. How do you react to the statement, "Freedom without discipline is impossible"? (p. 28)
22. How are love and freedom connected? What is an example of that your life? (p. 29)
23. Why do some think that Jesus is irrelevant?
24. How do react to the statement, "[Jesus} was the single greatest agent of change in human history"? p. 33)
25. What is your reaction to the statement, "Our yearning for happiness is the ultimate and eternal homing device"? (p. 32)