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The Joy of the Gospel: Chapter 4
The Social Dimension of Evangelization
Leaders School Presentation: Throwing Yourself In Front of The Grace Train

Questions for Discussion

1. How do you see Cursillo's understanding of Piety, Study, and Action playing out in your life, particularly from the perspective of cooperating with the Holy Spirit to transform other people and the environments you encounter?
2. When you hear the phrase; God is Love, is this something you have heard so many times that you no longer react, or is it something that still energizes you? It may be that it is a combination of the two reactions.... What do you think you can do to make God's love more real to you and by extension make it more real for other people?
3. What do you think you can do to make love the currency and thereby a motivating factor in every environment you are in?
4. What does your use of the Cursillo Method empower in your life?
5. On your weekend you had an encounter with the Living God and this energized and changed things for you or you would not be here. How do you see your use of the Cursillo Method encouraging you to act as a catalyst of God's love that the Holy Spirit can use to transform hearts and transform environments.
6. How has use of the Cursillo Method transformed your life? How have you let it lead you as you have answered the call to transform the environments you live in?
7. What is the best example in your life of where the Holy Spirit used you to transform a particular environment you were in and what happened?
8. How important is the evangelization of environments to you? Do you actively do anything in this regard? - be honest!
9. One of the big topical discussions in Chapter 4 on the Social Dimension of Evangelization is "preferential treatment of the poor," what have you done concerning the way you are living your Christian ideal to include some measure of responding to those who are either poor materially or poor in spirit?
10. Pope Francis says the way to treat others has a transcendent dimension, and by that he means what Jesus meant when he said, "The measure you give will be the measure you get" (Matthew 7:2). What he also means is that there is an absolute priority of "going forth from ourselves toward our brothers and sisters" as one of the two greatest commandments which ground every moral norm as the clearest sign for discerning spiritual growth in response to God's completely free gift [of faith]." (page 91 JoG). So how do you see God's action in your life in relation to how His grace draws you forth from yourself toward your brothers and sisters? Where does the rubber meet the road: what is God calling you to do more of in meeting your brothers and sisters in the love He calls you to live?