

**Cursillo School of Leaders
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The Joy of the Gospel: Chapter III

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Proclamation of the Gospel.

Everything we do, in fact, is possible because God has first reached out to us; now we rely entirely on grace. No one can save him/herself from selfishness. Therefore, the Church must be a place of mercy where everyone feels welcome, loved, forgiven, and affirmed. People come to faith through their local culture. No single culture exhausts the mystery of Christ. Each and every baptized person is called to share faith with the others. We must become missionary disciples. We share our joys and hopes, and this leads others to faith. The Holy Spirit gives tremendous gifts to the people of God for this work.

The Homily:

Through the homily God touches many lives. It should be powerful enough to change life. Speak from heart to heart. Prepare well for preaching and announce Kerygma.

Questions for Group Discussion:

1. Give examples about how you or people you know have spoken about faith and invited others to share your faith, values, practices, or beliefs.
2. What strikes you as most important in the discussion of homilies presented here by Pope Francis? Why do you think he spent so much time on this aspect of evangelization?
3. In your own words, what does the term kerygma mean? How do you experience it in your life and how do you speak about it to others?
4. You have been invited to speak about your faith and invite others to join you in it. Your audience is a group of people who are modern urban citizens of your own nation, but have not heard about Jesus or the Gospel before this. What will you tell them?