

## 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> Grade ROC - Decision Point (December)

### SESSION THREE: THE JESUS QUESTION

#### Key Points

- We need to rediscover Jesus and reassess the role He should be playing in our lives.
- Jesus and His teachings are the answer to the problems we face in our lives and in the world.
- We should recognize the power and importance of having a personal relationship with Jesus.

#### Prayer

*Lord, catch me off guard today. Surprise me with some moment of beauty or pain. So that at least for the moment I may be startled into seeing that you are here in all your splendor, always and everywhere, barely hidden, beneath, beyond, within this life I breath. Amen. (Frederick Buechner)*

#### Introduction: Looking for Judas



#### 3.1 Who is Jesus? (Pages 59-62)



#### 3.2 The Problem and the Solution (Pages 64-68)



#### 3.3 Jesus was a Radical (Pages 70-74)



#### 3.4 Second Chances (Pages 76-78)



#### 3.5 Decision Point (Pages 80-84)



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### SESSION FOUR: THE PRAYER PROCESS

#### Key Points

- Learn to Pray.
- Prayer helps us discover God's will for our lives and also understand that we can never be truly happy outside of God's will.
- Develop a daily prayer routine.

#### Prayer

*God, grant me the serenity to accept the things I cannot change, courage to change the things I can, and wisdom to know the difference. Living one day at a time, enjoying one moment at a time, accepting hardships as the pathway to peace, taking, as Jesus did, this sinful world as it is, not as I would have it, trusting that you will make all things right, if I surrender to your will, so that I may be reasonably happy in this life, and supremely happy with you forever in the next. Amen. (The Serenity Prayer)*

#### Introduction: Silence



#### 4.1 Why Pray? (Pages 86-88)



#### 4.2 The Big Question (Pages 90-92)



#### 4.3 The Prayer Process (Pages 94-96)



#### 4.4 The Best Way to Learn (Pages 98-102)



#### 4.5 Decision Point (Pages 104-109)





*Moving forward in faith in the spirit of radical hospitality.*



## 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> Grade ROC 2020

Although things are quite a bit different than they were last year, we are looking forward to journeying with you through the ROC (Rite of Confirmation) program as you prepare to be confirmed! This year at ROC, we will be using a program called Decision Point.

Decision Point consists of 12 sessions which we are asking you to complete throughout the school year (two sessions each month). Each session focuses on six short videos which can be found on the [Decision Point website](#) or in the links provided in the attached program outline. Your Decision Point workbook features discussion/journal questions along with some supplementary information and activities.

In addition to Decision Point, you can expect to receive some videos from us each month discussing the specifics of Confirmation and addressing some of the topics you will be learning about. There will also be some opportunities for you to ask questions about the Church which we will answer during these videos.

The most important part of our Catholic faith and the ROC program is Sunday Mass. We hope that you will either join us for our [11 a.m. Livestream Mass](#) or our Life Teen Mass, which is currently being held at 2 p.m. on Sunday afternoon on the lawn behind St. Helen's in Norwell.

Due to the current health restrictions, we are limited in the number of in-person activities that Life Teen is able to host. However, please consider joining us some Monday evening for Pizza-less Prayer at 7:15 p.m. at St. Mary's in Hanover or any of our other events, which can be found on [LifeTeenSMASH.com](#).

Know that we are praying for you and hope to see you soon!