



The Joy of The Gospel Study Guide

Chapter Four - "The Social Dimension of Evangelization"

1. **"Communal and Societal Repercussions of the Kerygma"** "An authentic faith - which is never comfortable or completely personal - always involves a deep desire to change the world, to transmit values, and to leave this earth somehow better than we found it." The Gospel message continually challenges us to go beyond ourselves and into society to bring the good news to everyone. What challenges do you face in spreading the gospel message to others?
2. **"Inclusion of the Poor in Society"** "Each individual Christian and every community is called to be an instrument of God for the liberation and promotion of the poor, and for enabling them to be fully a part of society." How does this play out in your life? Where do you see the poor? Those in need?
3. **"The Common Good and Peace in Society"** "The gospel message always begins with a greeting of peace, and peace at all times crowns and confirms the relations between the disciples. Peace is possible because the Lord has overcome the world and its constant conflict 'by making peace through the blood of his own cross' (Col 1:20)." Where in your life could you use the peace of God? Pray for God's guidance to grow in peace.
4. **"Social Dialogue as a Contribution to Peace"** "Evangelization also involves the path of dialogue. For the Church today, three areas of dialogue stand out where she needs to be present in order to promote full human development and to pursue the common good: dialogue with states, dialogue with society - including dialogue with cultures and sciences - and dialogue with other believers who are not part of the Catholic Church." How comfortable do you feel engaging in dialogue with others about faith? Look for opportunities this week for faith dialogue with others.