



“Joy of Love” Study Guide

Chapter Two - “The Experiences and Challenges of Families”

1. Reflect on “The Current Reality of the Family” as presented in Chapter 2. Consider the growing danger of extreme individualism. How do you see this play out in your own family life, and in the lives of those families you encounter?
2. How does freedom of choice in our culture today lead to issues in relationship stability and longevity? How has this affected your family?
3. In what ways has the Church been helpful in guiding your family relationships? What challenges has your family experienced?
4. Think about times when you may experience loneliness even though you are surrounded by people and things. How does this affect you? Where can you look for God in these situations?
5. List and consider some of the challenges faced by families dealing with poverty, migration, drug, alcohol, and other addictions. What challenges are present in your community? How does your community help people facing these challenges?
6. How does the Church welcome those with special needs? Care for the elderly?
7. What role does each parent play in the lives of children and the family? What do you think about Pope Francis’ description of the role of women and men in marriages?
8. Throughout this week, pray for the Church, as it responds to families to “revive our hope and to make it the source of prophetic visions, transformative actions and creative forms of charity.”