

WHERE IS YOUR HEART?

Holy Spirit Renewal Week 4

Homework Guide

WARM UP QUESTION

1. What is the best non-spiritual gift you have ever received?

SPIRITUAL READING:

Pope St. John Paul II Speech for the World Congress of Ecclesial Movements and New Communities
Open yourselves docilely to the gifts of the Spirit! Accept gratefully and obediently the charisms which the Spirit never ceases to bestow on us! Do not forget that every charism is given for the common good, that is, for the benefit of the whole Church.

PRAYER

Come, Holy Spirit, come and renew the face of the earth! Come with your seven gifts! Come, Spirit of Life, Spirit of Communion and Love! The Church and the world need you. Come, Holy Spirit, and make ever more fruitful the charisms you have bestowed on us. Give new strength and missionary zeal to these sons and of daughters of yours who have gathered here. Open their hearts; renew their Christian commitment in the world. Make them courageous messengers of the Gospel, witnesses to the risen Jesus Christ, the Redeemer and Saviour of man. Strengthen their love and their fidelity to the Church.

REFLECTION QUESTIONS:

1. In the message Rosemary said, "*It is essential that our stance before God is one of being surrendered and open.*" What does it look like for you to approach the Lord with a surrendered or open heart? Are you open to receiving whatever God wants to give you?
2. God cares about our hearts including the '*yuck and muck.*' What needs to be surrendered to God in your life?
3. Do you ask God to fix what is not in right in your relationship with God? Why or why not?
4. In Saint John Paul II speech, he refers to us, "*docilely receiving the gifts of the holy spirit and gratefully accepting the charisms or gifts which are wisdom, understanding, counsel, fortitude, knowledge, piety, and fear of the Lord. We are to accept these for the common good!*" What gifts do you need to receive and gratefully accept to use for the common good and the benefit of the whole church?
5. Looking back at your notes from this week's Message, was there anything that particularly caught your attention, challenged or confused you?
6. Reflect on and discuss your prayer and spiritual reading for the last week.
7. Pray for needs.