SMALL GROUP VIDEO STUDY

LESSON 1

"Taking the long-term perspective on immigration" with Fr. Mauricio Carrasco

1. In our personal relationship with God, why is it better to take a long-term view than a short-term view? How does God take the long-term view with each of us?

2. How can I take the long-term view in my relationship with immigrants?

LESSON 2

"Catholic Social Teaching is a solid basis to address contemporary issues" with Fr. Christopher Elser

1. How is the fact that we are created in the image of the Triune God (Father, Son, and Holy Spirit) the basis for all Catholic Social Teaching?

2. How do we use Catholic Social Teaching to address questions on immigration today?

3. How does following Catholic Social Teaching help me to have a deeper relationship with God in my own life?

LESSON 3

"The role of the Church and the bishop to teach on matters affecting societal and national life" with Dc. Matt Glover

1. What is the good news of Jesus Christ that is the core message the church proclaims?

2. What is the initial attitude that we should take toward the authoritative teaching of our bishop?

LESSON 4

"What is the disconnect between economic/social realities and current immigration law?" with Msgr. Scott Friend, Fr. Mike Johns and Fr. Ruben Quinteros

1. What are the real economic/social realities underlying immigration?

2. How does understanding the realities faced by immigrants help me to view them as individual human persons?

LESSON 5

"Forced to 'go around the gate: Working within the current immigration system is not possible" with Fr. Emmanuel Torres

1. Bishop Taylor writes, "Working within the current system is not possible." Are you aware of situations where the current U.S. immigration system is "not possible" to work within?

2. How do these situations lead authorities to treat all immigrants the same, rather than as individuals?

LESSON 6

"Salvation history unfolds largely in the context of immigration" with Fr. Jason Tyler

1. What is "salvation history" and what does God teach us through it?

2. What role did immigration play in salvation history?

3. How does God continue to teach us today, as contemporary salvation history unfolds in the events of our time?

LESSON 7

"Is the right to immigrate an intrinsic human right?" with Dr. Sherry Simon, co-president of Pax Christi Little Rock

1. How does being "created by God and redeemed by Christ" impart intrinsic, inalienable human rights to every living person?

2. How does compassion for, and solidarity with, the victims of human rights violations help in our daily struggle to make the Kingdom of God present and to make Christ known among us?

LESSON 8

"Conversion within our hearts" with Msgr. Scott Friend, Fr. Mike Johns and Fr. Ruben Quinteros

1. Where do I see a need for conversion in my attitude toward immigrants?

2. What can each one of us do to begin the process of conversion?