

THAT WE MAY GROW

Lenten Study for the week of March 29, 2020

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Consider what is Noble and Good

Opening Prayer

Ask God to be present and to open your hearts to His Word.

Ice Breaker

Share a time you had to work really hard to be nice to a particular person?

Studying the Word

Romans 12: 17-21

How is a Christian to treat enemies?

With whom does God want us to live at peace?

Why should we not take revenge?

What is the purpose of showing kindness to an enemy?

Reflections from “Tattoos on the Heart”

How were gang encounters changed under the influence of Father Gregory?

What story do you recall in which the homie did not take revenge?

What story do you recall as reflecting the notion of showing kindness to an enemy?

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As we model a Christian way of life, how are we brought to higher standards of “doing the right thing”?

What are some examples of how this can be challenging?

How is this a blessing?

“Kill them with Kindness” – have you used this mantra before? Does it work? Share examples.

Bonus Question: Is it right for a Christian to have enemies?

Closing Prayer Prompts

For those we need to love and bless even though they have hurt us.

Thankfulness in studying together through Lent.

From “Prayers Based on Luther’s Small Catechism”:

Dearest Lord,

Perverse and foolish often I have strayed from your side. Forgive me and create in me a clean heart. I thank you for your absolving words, “Child of mine, your sins are forgiven.” May I become as generous with grace toward others as you have been generous to me.

Amen.