LESSON 1 – ROMANS





DAY 1 – ROMANS 1:1

- 1. What did you find meaningful from the lecture?
- 2. a. How did Paul describe himself in verse 1?
 - **b.** What do you think it means to be a servant (slave) of Jesus Christ as a layperson?
 - **c.** How is the character of service manifested in the priesthood of the Catholic Church? (See Catechism of the Catholic Church [CCC] 876)
- 3. What do you learn about Paul from the following verses?
 - Acts 21:39
 - Acts 22:3-4
 - Acts 22:20_____
 - Acts 23:6
- 4. Read Acts 9:1-19. Explain in your own words Paul's extraordinary experience.
- **5.** Why do you think God chose Paul to be an Apostle?
- **6.** What do you think Paul meant by the word gospel?

DAYS 2 & 3 – ROMANS 1:2-7

- 7. Name a prophet through whom God promised a Messiah. (include Scripture reference)
- 8. How do verses 3 and 4 point to the humanity and the divinity of Jesus Christ?
- **9.** Using the Catechism, (CCC 465-468), list the heresies concerning the divinity and humanity of Christ and the Councils if applicable that addressed them.
- **10.** What does the Church teach about the humanity and divinity of Christ? (See CCC 464, 468-469)
- 11. a. Define obedience.
 - **b.** Define faith. (See Heb 11:1; CCC 1814)
 - **c.** How do faith and obedience work together? (See CCC 143-144)

- 12. a. Define saint.
 - b. Define holiness.
 - **c.** Who is called to be holy? (See 1 Pt 1:14-16; CCC 2013)

DAY 4 - ROMANS 1:8-12

- 13. Who receives the glory for the faith of the Roman Christians?
- **14.** Paul is consistent in thanking God for his fellow Christians. (See 1 Cor 1:4-5; Eph 1:15-16; Phil 1:3-4; Col 1:3-4; 1 Thes 1:2) Do you praise, or criticize the faith your fellow Christians? (**Personal**)
- 15. Why do you think their faith would be heralded throughout the world?
- **16.** What do you learn about prayer from Paul's words in verses 9-10?
- 17. Why did Paul long to see the Roman Christians?
- **18. a.** What do you think Paul meant by "some spiritual gift"?
 - b. How do spiritual gifts strengthen an individual? (See CCC 2003)
 - c. How do spiritual gifts strengthen the Church? (See CCC 2003)
- 19. How can someone's faith be encouraging to others?

DAY 5 - ROMANS 1:13-17

- 20. What do you think Paul meant when he said he wanted to "harvest some fruit among you"?
- 21. a. To whom was Paul obliged to preach the gospel?
 - **b.** To whom are you obliged to preach the gospel?
- 22. What was Paul's purpose in declaring "I am not ashamed of the gospel..."?
- 23. Do you find it difficult to stand up for your faith among non-believers or fellow Christians with differing opinions? If so, why? (Personal)
- **24.** What does it mean to be righteous?
- 25. Explain in your own words Paul's quote from Habakkuk "The one who is righteous by faith will live".