

The Promise

A Part of the Promise

We can look back to the distant past. We can look to some unseen future. Or we can realize that we are called to participate in the Promises of God right here. Right now.

Discussion Questions

1. Has there ever been a time when someone did not come through on a promise they made to you? Who is one person you know can be trusted? How do you know that they will keep their word?
 2. Do you ever find yourself falling into the trap of “commemorating” past events or “anticipating” future events more often than you participate in the activity of the moment? Are you able to give an example? Why do you think you fall into this?
 3. Father Mike mentioned the “long stretches of silence” that those who follow God often find themselves in. These are the moment we are called to trust in the promise, but live in the moment. Would you be willing to share your experience of one of those “long stretches”?
 4. Saint Paul told the Christians in Thessalonica that they “already knew” what God wanted of them. They may not have known the exact next step, but they knew how followers of Christ ought to live. Do you ever find yourself missing the “known” call of Jesus out of concern for what is not known? Why is that? What do you do in those moments?
 5. Mary was invited to be a part of God’s promise. We will walk through this Advent with Mary. Who is Mary to you?
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God in Real Life

- I. The Rosary is a powerful prayer. It is now which almost every major saint was personally devoted to and prayed on a daily basis. Would you be willing to journey through this Advent with Mary by consecrating this Advent to Mary and taking the “Advent Rosary Challenge”?
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To the Heart

"If you ever feel distressed during your day — call upon our Lady — just say this simple prayer: 'Mary, Mother of Jesus, please be a mother to me now.' I must admit — this prayer has never failed me." --Blessed Mother Teresa