

St. Therese Adult Study Series
Spiritual Warfare with Father Andrie & Brendan McInerny

Reflection Questions for the Chapters on the *Church's Response Part II*

For the next session, please read the 7-9th chapters on pages 69-116 in the *Exorcism* book. Begin with this or another prayer of your choice: "*Soul of Christ, sanctify me; Body of Christ, save me; Blood of Christ, inebriate me; Water from the side of Christ, wash me; Passion of Christ, strengthen me; O good Jesus, hear me; within Your wounds, hide me; let me never be separated from You; from the evil one, defend me; at the hour of my death, call me; and bid me come to You; that with Your saints, I may praise You forever and ever. Amen.*" (Pg. 158 Anima Christi)

Your reflections will be shared **November 28th** in your small group. Your group may not get to all the questions. Allow the Holy Spirit to guide you to those questions most important for your group.

NOTE: Each week we will begin our small group sessions as a large group with the Lectio Divina prayer format using the Sunday Gospel. This will be provided each week.

1. Why do you think it's important that "an exorcism is a command given to a demon in the name of Jesus Christ?" (Read Philippians 2:6-11; Isaiah 45:22-23)

2. (Pg. 73) The priest's purple stole, holy water, and a crucifix are important tools against the devil. In the Bible we read about other objects as in Acts 19:11-12 that were used. How could you relate this to the relics visit of St. Therese and her parents last month?

3. On pages 74-76, Fr. Lampert breaks down the parts of the rite of exorcism. Discuss each of these, including your thoughts and the importance of each. What stood out to you? The Holy Spirit, the Cross, the Great Liberator...

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4. What does "efficacious" mean in the Catholic Church? Why is this important?

5. Chapter 8 breaks down the eight (8) major ways Fr. Lampert believes "people can become vulnerable to playing the devils game." What did you find to be the key point(s) of each. Did any one of these stand out for you? Which causes you the most concern? Why?

a. The world of the occult

b. The entertainment industry

c. Being dedicated to a demon through satanic ritual abuse

d. Abuse

e. Life of habitual sin

f. Inviting a demon into your life

g. Unhealed broken relationships

6. Chapter 9 includes an "intake questionnaire." Share the key points you found as you read this list.

7. What other points stood out to you as you read this chapter?

Close your time with the Fatima Prayer (pg. 148):

"O my Jesus, forgive us our sins, save us from the fires of hell, lead all souls to heaven, especially those who are in most need of thy mercy." "Our Lady of Fatima, pray for us."