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IN YOUR FAITH

TEACHER AND LEADER GUIDE SEASON 1



Episode #1 – What is God?

What is God? People have been asking that question for centuries. It's right up there with "what is the meaning of life". Maybe it should be, Who is God? Do you know who or what is God? Or even, does God exist? Join Byron and Chantal as they explore the Church's teaching on the nature of God.

WITH COOL CAT POLICE INSPECTOR, LARRY SINCLAIR AND SAINT OF THE NEW MILLENNIUM, FAYE MULLEN, FROM ST. CATHARINES ONTARIO. CHURCH 101 WITH FR. RICK RICCIOLI OFM CONV.

Grade 9, unit 2 (Called to Wholeness), Grade 10, unit 1 (Called to Jesus)

We Believe: Our profession of faith begins with God, for God is the First and the Last, the beginning and the end of everything. The Creed begins with God the Father, for the Father is the first divine person of the Most Holy Trinity; our Creed begins with the creation of heaven and earth, for creation is the beginning and the foundation of all God's works. (CCC 198)

Christians are baptized in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit: not in their names, for there is only one God, the almighty Father, his only Son and the Holy Spirit: the Most Holy Trinity. (CCC 233)

The mystery of the Most Holy Trinity is the central mystery of Christian faith and life. It is the mystery of God in himself. It is therefore the source of all the other mysteries of faith, the light that enlightens them. It is the most fundamental and essential teaching in the "hierarchy of the truths of faith". The whole history of salvation is identical with the history of the way and the means by which the one true God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, reveals himself to men "and reconciles and unites with himself those who turn away from sin". (CCC 234)

Word of God:

God reveals his name to Moses: (Exodus 3:13-15)

Questions for Discussion:

1. So many people today don't believe in the existence of God. Does he exist or not?
2. What are some arguments for God's existence?
(Example: If you were stranded on an island and found a beautiful house standing there, would you think it was there by chance or did someone have to build it? The same applies to God and his design of the universe.)
3. St. Paul tells us that from the visible things of this world we come to know the invisible things of God. What does this mean?
4. God is One. But God is also a Trinity of three distinct persons; Father, Son and Holy Spirit. All three persons are One God, possessing the same divine substance (Wow, confusing). Can this mystery ever be explained or must we rely on faith alone?
5. What do we know about God? (eg. ,He is a Trinity)

Resources:

Catechism of the Catholic Church I believe in God: CCC 198-267



Episode # 2 - Why Do Bad Things Happen?

If God is a God of love, why do bad things happen? Does anyone know why bad things happen? It seems to be a fact of life. But, so many people reject the existence of God precisely because of that question. Why believe in a God who is completely unfair and lets all these bad things happen? Join Byron and Chantal as they explore the Church's teaching on suffering.

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SARAH BOWEN FROM OTTAWA. CHURCH 101 WITH FR. IAN DUFFY.*

Grade 9, unit 5 (Called to Action), Grade 10, unit 4 (Called to be Holy)

We Believe: If God is the Father almighty, the Creator of the ordered and good world who cares for all his creatures, why does evil exist? To this question, as pressing as it is unavoidable and as painful as it is mysterious, no quick answer will suffice. Only Christian faith as a whole constitutes the answer to this question. (CCC 309)

Angels and men, as intelligent and free creatures, have to journey toward their ultimate destinies by their free choice and preferential love. They can therefore go astray. Indeed, they have sinned. Thus has moral evil, incommensurably more harmful than physical evil, entered the world. God is in no way, directly or indirectly, the cause of moral evil. He permits it, however, because he respects the freedom of his creatures and, mysteriously, knows how to derive good from it. (CCC 311)

Word of God:

God is aware of our sufferings: **(Exodus 3:7)**

Woman suffering from hemorrhage: **(Matthew 9:20)**

The glory in heaven greater than our sufferings: **(Romans 8:18)**

Questions for Discussion:

1. If God is a God of love, why do bad things happen?
2. What is evil?
3. Does God create evil, or does He merely allow it to happen?
4. Does God have a plan for evil in the world? (John 9:1-3)
5. Why is there suffering in the world?

Further Questions for Discussion:

1. Is suffering a result of our own sin? (Moral Evil: CCC 311-312)
2. What about suffering not caused by our own sin, such as natural disasters? (Physical Evil: CCC 310)
3. What are some examples of how God brings good from evil?
4. Salvation is made possible by the sufferings of Jesus. Does our suffering take on a different meaning because of that great event on Calvary?

Resources:

1. Question about evil to be answered only in faith: CCC 385
2. Moral Evil: CCC 311-312
3. Physical Evil: CCC 310
4. Origin of Evil- derived from Sin: CCC 403 (further reading on original sin CCC 404)
5. Christian faith as answer to evil: CCC 309
6. God can draw good from every evil: CCC 312
7. Christ delivered us from evil: CCC 1708

Episode # 3 – How Do I Beat Violence?

How do I beat violence? Violence is not a good thing. Most of us agree with that Church teaching. Still, why is there violence? Is it because of sin? We do know that violence exists, so what do we do in the face of sin? Byron and Chantal explore the Church's teaching on violence.

WITH COOL CAT COLOMBIAN CONSUL GENERAL, CATALINA CHAUX AND SAINT OF THE NEW MILLENNIUM, MICHAEL CREIGHTON FROM OTTAWA. CHURCH 101 WITH FR. IAN DUFFY.

Grade 9, unit 5 (Called to Action)

Grade 10, unit 5 (Called to be Just)

We Believe: Deliberate hatred is contrary to charity. Hatred of the neighbor is a sin when one deliberately wishes him evil. Hatred of the neighbor is a grave sin when one deliberately desires him grave harm. "But I say to you, love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you, so that you may be sons of your Father who is in heaven." (CCC 2302-2306)

Word of God:

Love your enemies: **(Matthew 5:43-48)**

Love one another: **(John 13:34-35)**

Blessed are the peacemakers: **(Matthew 5:9)**

Questions for Discussion:

1. How do we fix violence?
2. What causes people to be so inhumane to one another?
3. Is violence ever justified? Self-defense? Just war theory. (CCC 2307)
4. What can we do in the face of violence?
5. Can violent video games or violent movies breed violent behavior?

Further Questions for Discussion:

1. How can we deal with violence when confronted with it?
2. Does violence beget violence?
3. If God is love and we are made in God's image, then can violence which causes harm to someone ever be justified?
4. Why do we have to strive for peace? **(Matthew 5:9)**

Resources:

Catechism of the Catholic Church: Peace CCC 2302-2306

Catechism of the Catholic Church: Avoiding War and Just War Theory CCC 2307-2314



Episode # 4 – Why Does True Love Have To Wait?

Why does true love have to wait? The Church says that if you truly love someone you should be married to them before you have sex with them. So, this is the episode about sex. If you truly love someone, then why wait until you get married to have sex? Byron and Chantal explore the Church's teaching on love, sex, marriage and relationships.

WITH COOL CAT PROFESSIONAL VOLLEYBALL PLAYER DAVID KANTOR AND SAINT OF THE NEW MILLENNIUM, PAUL HRYNSZYSZYN FROM WATERLOO, ONTARIO. CHURCH 101 WITH FR. IAN DUFFY.

Grade 9, unit 3 (Covenant: Called to Love)

Grade 10, unit 3 (Called to Be and Relate)

We Believe: Chastity is not primarily a 'NO' to illicit sex. Chastity is first and foremost a great 'YES' to the true meaning of sex, to the goodness of being created as male and female in the image of God. Chastity isn't repressive. It's totally liberating. It frees us from the tendency to use others for selfish gratification and enables us to love others as Christ loves us. The virtue of Chastity is therefore essential if we are to discover and fulfill the very meaning of our being and existence. (From "Good News about Sex and Marriage" by Christopher West pgs. 66-68)

Word of God:

Man and Woman becoming one flesh: (**Genesis: 2:24**)

Jesus speaks about the one flesh union: (**Matthew 19:5**)

Questions for Discussion:

1. What does chastity mean?
2. Why shouldn't two consenting adults who love each other be able to have sex? What difference does a marriage certificate really make, anyway?
3. Why does the Church teach that sex is reserved for marriage?
4. Is the Church saying no to sex? Or is it rather a big 'YES' to the goodness of sexuality, in the right context?
5. If sex is a gift from God, and if we are meant to image God in this beautiful act, then should we not respect this great gift?
6. Are the Church's teachings on sexuality a bunch of irrational rules, or are they a formula for happiness?

Further Questions for Discussion:

1. Is sex just about love? What about commitment and responsibility?
2. Has the sexual revolution made our society better? Think of the many STD's, rate of divorce, broken families, broken relationships, child prostitution and pornography objectifying women?

Resources:

Catechism of the Catholic Church: Offenses against chastity CCC 2351- 2356

Good News about Sex and Marriage by Christopher West pgs.66-68

Episode # 5 – Y B Catholic?

Y B Catholic? Do you think Jesus thought that we would all be Catholics? Doesn't He just want us to follow His teachings and get to have a personal relationship with God? Isn't it enough just to follow the teachings of Jesus? Byron and Chantal explore the reasons behind being Catholic.

WITH COOL CAT TV AND RADIO HOST, MICHAEL COREN AND SAINT OF THE NEW MILLENNIUM, ROB SHEARER FROM TORONTO. CHURCH 101 WITH FR. GRAHAM KEEP.

Grade 9, unit 4 (Called to Freedom)

Grade 10, unit 2 (Called to be Church), Grade 11 unit 4 (We Believe)

We Believe: The (Catholic) Church is both the means and the goal of God's plan: prefigured in creation, prepared for in the Old Covenant, founded by the words and actions of Jesus Christ, fulfilled by his redeeming cross and his Resurrection, the (Catholic) Church has been manifested as the mystery of salvation by the outpouring of the Holy Spirit. She will be perfected in the glory of heaven as the assembly of all the redeemed of the earth.

The Church is both visible and spiritual, a hierarchical society and the Mystical Body of Christ. She is one, yet formed of two components, human and divine. That is her mystery, which only faith can accept.

The Church in this world is the sacrament of salvation, the sign and the instrument of the communion of God and people. (CCC 778-780)

Word of God:

Jesus will build the Church on the foundation of St. Peter, the first Pope: (Matthew 16:13-18)

Questions for Discussion:

1. Why be Catholic?
2. What difference does it make if I'm Catholic or not?
3. What did Jesus mean when he said that He would build the Church on St. Peter?
4. What makes us Catholic?
5. Catholics and Protestants believe in many of the same things. But what are the things that make us different?

Further Questions for Discussion:

1. Why can't I just be a "good person" and not be part of the Church? Maybe Jesus gave us the Church so that we could make use of all the "tools" (eg., Eucharist) in order to go to heaven?
2. Why did Jesus give us a Church? Why couldn't He just let us be and find our own way to heaven?
3. Why do we need the hierarchy of the Church, such as the Pope and Bishops? (Think of what would happen if everyone could pick and choose what to believe).

Resources:

Good Reasons for Being Catholic

August 1988 Eight Good Reasons for Being Catholic Richard Rohr, O.F.M., and Joseph Martos 1988. St. Anthony Messenger Press

Episode #6 – Why Doesn't The Church Get With The Times?

Why doesn't the church get with the times? Lots of people, Catholics and non-Catholics alike, have been asking that question for a long time. It's another question that has made people leave the Church, never to come back. Why does the Church seem to be stuck in the 4th Century? Byron and Rosanna explore the universality and permanence of Church teaching.

WITH COOL CAT DEAN OF THE FACULTY OF NURSING, DR. DIANE DORAN AND SAINT OF THE NEW MILLENNIUM, ALAIN JOUBERT FROM TORONTO. CHURCH 101 WITH FR. GRAHAM KEEP.

Grade 9, unit 4 (Called to Freedom)

Grade 10, unit 2 (Called to be Church), Grade 11, unit 6 (We Continue in Faith)

We Believe: The Church is not stuck in the middle-ages, even though many people claim that the Church is the oppressor of man. Just the opposite is true. The Church has been given a mandate to preach the good news to all people, and sometimes this good news is challenging, but the Church is not afraid to proclaim from the roof tops that only "the truth will set us free." The Gospel is not easy to live out in the world today, but just because it is hard, it doesn't mean that the Church, which speaks with the voice of God in the world, should lower the bar and give people a false sense of freedom. Only in Christ are we truly ourselves and truly free.

Word of God:

Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today and forever: (**Hebrews 13:8-9**)

Don't conform, be transformed: (**Romans 12:2**)

Questions for Discussion:

1. Why is the Church stuck in the Middle Ages?
2. The Church should get rid of its hierarchical structure and be more democratic and open to dialogue.
3. As a Catholic, am I not allowed to question the Church's teaching? Perhaps the Church is wrong about some things. Do I have to believe everything the Church teaches?
4. The Church should stop judging people and imposing her teaching on everybody. We should all be free to make our own choices.
5. I should decide what is right for me. Isn't morality a matter of my own conscience?

Further Questions for Discussion:

1. Why doesn't the Church change some of her teachings?
2. If something is considered TRUTH, then can it change?
3. What is the role of the hierarchy? Is it to change the teachings of Christ or does it have the mandate to preserve and guard the faith from error?
4. Does the Church have to adapt to everything our culture says is good? But what if society has been led astray?
5. Who do we believe: Jesus and his Church, or a society which tells us to do whatever feels good?
6. Before we question the Church, should we not first try and see WHY the Church teaches what she teaches?

Resources:

Catechism of the Catholic Church: Apostolic Succession CCC 77, 860-62, 830, 833

Good News about Sex and Marriage by Christopher West pgs. 35-37

Episode # 7 – If God Has A Plan For Me, Do I Really Have Free Will?

If God has a plan for me, do I really have free will? Does God really know our future? Is it because He planned it? If so, then, doesn't that mean that we don't have free will? Can we change the future? And how do we know God's will? Byron and Rosanna explore the Church's teaching on free will and discerning God's will.

WITH COOL CAT SINGER AND MUSICIAN, AGNES CHAN-WONG AND SAINT OF THE NEW MILLENNIUM, JOCELYN SANTOS FROM TORONTO. CHURCH 101 WITH FR. GRAHAM KEEP.

Grade 9, unit 4 (Called to Freedom)

Grade 10, unit 4 (Called to be Holy)

We Believe: God created man a rational being, conferring on him the dignity of a person who can initiate and control his own actions. "God willed that man should be 'left in the hand of his own counsel,' so that he might of his own accord seek his Creator and freely attain his full and blessed perfection by cleaving to him." Man is rational and therefore like God; he is created with free will and is master over his acts. (CCC 1730)

Word of God:

No one knows the day nor the hour: **(Matthew 24:36)**

God's Will be done: **(Matthew 6:10, Matthew 26:42)**

Put your trust in God and his plan: **(Proverbs 3:5-6)**

Questions for Discussion:

1. Does God have a plan for our lives?
2. Why does perfect love require free will?
3. If God is all knowing, then do I still have free will?
4. How do we figure out God's plan for us?
5. Does God have one specific plan for each of us, or are there many options?

Further Questions for Discussion:

1. "Lord, I give you permission to do what you need to do in my life." Do you have enough trust in God to say this prayer?
2. What is God's plan for all humanity?
3. Jesus said to his Father in heaven "Your will be done" **(Matthew 26:42)**. The Church and her Saints have always taught that our happiness lies in doing God's will. Why should we seek to do God's will and not our own? Doesn't this conflict with our freedom?

Resources:

Catechism of the Catholic Church: Man's Freedom CCC 1730-1748



Episode # 8 – Who is Jesus?

Who is Jesus? He was from Galilee. Son of a carpenter. A preacher. A prophet. A teacher. But was he God? This man never wrote a book, never fought with an army, never really travelled very far from his hometown, yet His teachings, some will say, are the foundation for the entire western civilization. Byron and Rosanna explore Jesus the person, His divinity and humanity and the concept of the Incarnation.

WITH COOL CATS, FORMER AMBASSADOR (AND HIS WIFE) DOUG AND BEVERLY VALENTINE AND SAINT OF THE NEW MILLENNIUM, CAROLYN CHAU FROM TORONTO. CHURCH 101 WITH FR. GRAHAM KEEP.

Grade 9, unit 2 (Called to Wholeness)

Grade 10, unit 1 (Called to Jesus), Grade 11, unit 4 (We Believe)

We Believe: “Christ”, in Greek, “Messiah” in Hebrew, means the “anointed one”. Jesus is the Christ because he is consecrated by God and anointed by the Holy Spirit for his redeeming mission. He is the Messiah awaited by Israel, sent into the world by the Father. Jesus accepted the title Messiah but he made the meaning of the term clear: “come down from heaven” (**John 3:13**), crucified and then risen, he is the Suffering Servant “who gives his life as a ransom for the many” (**Matthew 20:28**). From the name Christ comes our name of Christian. (Compendium of the CCC)

Word of God:

Jesus calling God Father, making himself equal to God: (**John 5:18**)

Jesus saying “I AM”, the name God revealed to Moses: (**John 8:58**)

Thomas calls Jesus Lord and God: (**John 20:28**)

Peter’s confession of Jesus as Messiah: (**Mark 8:27-29**)

Questions for Discussion:

1. Who is Jesus?
2. Is Jesus merely a good man, or is He God, the second person of the Trinity?
3. Jesus is the Christ. What does this mean?
4. Jesus is either God or he is a liar. What does this mean?

Further Questions for Discussion:

1. What is the Incarnation?
2. Why did the Son of God become Man?
3. In what way is Jesus Christ true God and true man?

Resources:

The Divinity of Christ (www.catholic.com)

Also:

Compendium of the Catechism of the Catholic Church

81 - What is the meaning of the name “Jesus”?

82 - Why is Jesus called “Christ”?

83 - In what sense is Jesus the Only Begotten Son of God?

85 - Why did the Son of God become Man?

87 - In what way is Jesus Christ true God and true man?

89 - How does the Church set forth the Mystery of the Incarnation?



Episode # 9 – Who is Mary?

Who is Mary? A lot of people think that Catholics worship Mary - or that Mary is like some sort of God. But is that true? Why do we have such devotion to Mary? Byron and Rosanna explore the Church's teachings on Mary and our devotion to the Mother of God.

*WITH COOL CAT DANCE COACH, SHIRLEY TETREAU AND SAINT OF THE NEW MILLENNIUM
FRANCESCA MANCUSO FROM TRENTON, ON. CHURCH 101 WITH FR. RICHARD LARCHÉ.*

Grade 9, unit 2 (Called to be Church)

We Believe: “All generations will call me blessed”: “The Church’s devotion to the Blessed Virgin is intrinsic to Christian worship.” The Church rightly honours “the Blessed Virgin with special devotion. From the most ancient times the Blessed Virgin has been honoured with the title of ‘Mother of God,’ to whose protection the faithful fly in all their dangers and needs.... This very special devotion ... differs essentially from the adoration which is given to the incarnate Word and equally to the Father and the Holy Spirit, and greatly fosters this adoration.” (CCC 971)

Word of God:

The Annunciation: **(Luke 1:26-38)**

Elizabeth’s Greeting: **(Luke 1:42)**

Wedding at Cana: **(John 2)**

Behold your Mother: **(John 19:26-27)**

Questions for Discussion:

1. Why is Mary important to our Catholic faith?
2. What role does she play in our faith?
3. What does the “Immaculate Conception” mean?
4. In what sense is Mary ‘ever Virgin’?

Further Questions for Discussion:

1. Why is Mary truly the Mother of God?
2. In what way is the spiritual motherhood of Mary universal?
3. How does Mary cooperate in the divine plan of salvation?

Resources:

Compendium of the Catechism of the Catholic Church:

95 - Why is Mary truly the Mother of God?

96 - What does the “Immaculate Conception” mean?

97 - How does Mary cooperate in the divine plan of salvation?

99 - In what sense is Mary ‘ever Virgin’?

100 - In what way is the spiritual motherhood of Mary universal?

Also:

The Role of the Blessed Mother in the Economy of Salvation
(Lumen Gentium – Vatican II)



Episode # 10 – Who the Hell is the Devil?

Who the hell is the devil? Does the devil exist? Is he really a red guy with horns, a tail and a pitchfork who lives in a fiery hell? What does the Church teach about Satan? Byron and Rosanna explore the nature of Evil and the personhood of the devil.

WITH COOL CAT JOURNALIST AND AUTHOR, RICHARD GWYN AND SAINT OF THE NEW MILLENNIUM NICOLAS PAPPALARDO, FROM TORONTO. CHURCH 101 WITH FR. RICK RICCIOLI OFM CONV.

Grade 10, unit 2 (Called to be Church)

We Believe: Behind the disobedient choice of our first parents lurks a seductive voice opposed to God, which makes them fall into death out of envy. Scripture and the Church's Tradition see in this being a fallen angel, called "Satan" or the "devil." The Church teaches that Satan was at first a good angel, made by God: "The devil and the other demons were indeed created naturally good by God, but they became evil by their own doing." (CCC 391)

Word of God:

The temptation of Jesus in the Desert: **(Luke 4: 1-13)**

Jesus casts out a demon: **(Mark 1:21-28)**

Satan as "Father of Lies": **(John 8:44)**

Believers have power to resist Satan: **(1 Peter 5:8-9)**

Christ was revealed to destroy the works of the devil: **(1 John 3:8)**

Questions for Discussion:

1. Who is the devil?
2. Is the devil just as powerful as God?
3. What kind of power does he have?
4. Does Satan have the power to lead us into temptation?

Further Questions for Discussion:

1. Why is Satan the "Father of lies?"
2. Why does the world reject the idea of a "fallen angel?"
3. What is Satan's biggest lie?

Resources:

Catechism of the Catholic Church: The Fall Of The Angels CCC 391-395



Episode # 11 – Where is Heaven?

Where is heaven? What does heaven look like? What is it? Where is it? For that matter, what happens when we die? We don't have any details of life in heaven. Nobody has ever come back to tell us what it's like, but we do have some informed speculation. Byron and Rosanna explore the Church's teaching on life after death, judgement, purgatory and eternal life.

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PAUL D'HONDT FROM STRATFORD, ON. CHURCH 101 WITH FR. RICHARD LARCHÉ.*

Grade 10, unit 2 (Called to be Church)

We Believe: Those who die in God's grace and friendship and are perfectly purified, live for ever with Christ. They are like God for ever for they "see Him as He is," face to face (CCC 1023). Heaven is a "living, personal relationship with the Holy Trinity. It is our meeting with the Father which takes place in the risen Christ through the communion of the Holy Spirit."

Word of God:

The Good Thief: (Luke 23:39-43)

Eye has not seen what God has prepared: (1 Corinthians 2:9)

Questions for Discussion:

1. What is heaven?
2. What happens when we die?
3. Why does scripture only speak of heaven using images?
4. We are made for heaven. Why is the loss of eternal salvation a catastrophe?

Further Questions for Discussion:

1. Why is holiness necessary in order for us to see God?
2. If someone rejects God's love and his commandments, can they still go to heaven? (Remember, we go to hell by our own free choice)
3. Is heaven a place? Is it up in the sky?

Resources:

Catechism of the Catholic Church: Heaven CCC 1023- 1029



Episode # 12 – Who Am I?

Who am I? Do you know who you are? Do you know what you are? Is there a difference? Are you always the same person or do you change as you grow? If we are created by God, what does that mean about who we are? Byron and Rosanna explore the Church's teaching on our human identity.

WITH COOL CAT ENTREPRENEUR MICHAEL VASQUEZ AND SAINT OF THE NEW MILLENNIUM (AND GRANDDAUGHTER OF A SAINT) HORTENSIA MOLLA. CHURCH 101 WITH FR. GRAHAM KEEP.

Grade 9, unit 2 (Called to Wholeness)

Grade 10, unit 4 (Called to be Holy), Grade 11, unit 1 (We Encounter Mystery)

We Believe: "God created man in his own image, in the image of God he created him, male and female he created them." Man occupies a unique place in creation: (I) he is "in the image of God;" (II) in his own nature he unites the spiritual and material worlds; (III) he is created "male and female;" (IV) God established him in His friendship. (CCC 355)

Of all visible creatures only man is "able to know and love his creator." He is "the only creature on earth that God has willed for its own sake," and he alone is called to share by knowledge and love in God's own life. It was for this end that he was created, and this is the fundamental reason for his dignity. (CCC 356)

Word of God:

God creates human beings: (**Genesis 1:26-27**)

Questions for Discussion:

1. What does it mean to say that we are made in the image of God?
2. We possess the dignity of a person. What does it mean to be a person, who is not something, but someone?
3. What makes us different from the animals?
4. Why are humans the only ones able to know and love their creator?
5. Why are humans the only ones called to share, by knowledge and love, in God's own life?

Further Questions for Discussion:

1. If all humans are made in the image of God, then is all human life sacred?
2. We know who we are only in relation to God. Why?

Resources:

Catechism of the Catholic Church Humans Created in the Image of God
CCC 355-358



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Episode # 13 – Where Do I Fit in the World?

Where do I fit in the world? What is the meaning of life? People have been asking these questions since the beginning of time. We all want to know that our lives have an impact, that there is a reason for being. We know who we are - but what do we do with that? Byron and Rosanna explore our mission as human beings, our reason for being and possibilities for vocation.

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Grade 9, unit 6 (Called to Transformation)

Grade 10, unit 4 (Called to be Holy), Grade 11, unit 1 (We Encounter Mystery)

We Believe: All the faithful of Christ of whatever rank or status, are called to the fullness of the Christian life and to the perfection of charity; by this holiness, a more human manner of living is promoted in this earthly society. In order that the faithful may reach this perfection, they must use their strength accordingly as they have received it, as a gift from Christ. They must follow in His footsteps and conform themselves to His image seeking the will of the Father in all things. They must devote themselves with all their being to the glory of God and the service of their neighbour. In this way, the holiness of the people of God will grow into an abundant harvest of good, as is admirably shown by the life of so many saints in Church history.

(Vatican II: DOGMATIC CONSTITUTION ON THE CHURCH: LUMEN GENTIUM)

Word of God:

God makes humans in His own image: (**Genesis 1:26-27**)

Hear O Israel: (**Deuteronomy 6**)

St. Peter calls us to Holy Living: (**1 Peter 1:14-16**)

Questions for Discussion:

1. What do we believe is the meaning of life for us as Christians?
2. Would our life have meaning if we were the products of chance and merely an accident of creation?
3. What if we are created and are the products of an intelligent design? Would that change the way we look at life?
4. If we are made in God's image, then should we not strive to show forth in our lives the divine image imprinted in our very being?
(Our actions should reflect the Divine)
5. God says: "You shall be holy, for I am holy." Why are we called to be saints?

Further Questions for Discussion:

1. We all desire to love and be loved. Why is God the only one who can fully satisfy this longing in our hearts? (St. Augustine once said: "Restless are our hearts O God, until they rest in you.")

Resources:

Catechism of the Catholic Church The Life of Man – To know and Love God (CCC 1-3)
Proclamation of the Kingdom of God (CCC 543)

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