



SEAS Easter Message Series WEEK #2
Go Deeper Individual or Group Study Guide

Summary of Easter Message Week #2: There seems to be some confusion in American society today that Christianity is only about “me and Jesus” while in fact Christianity has always been about “me and Jesus and the community of believers. The community can be as small as a family or as large as the Universal Church. What has been your experience of Christian community?

GO DEEPER with the VIDEO & HOMILY: In preparation for meeting as a group, watch the video and read the homily provided on the parish website www.seasp.org before the group meets.

Opening Prayer: From scripture read and reflect on the First Reading for this coming Sunday taken from Acts, which describes the “first Christian Community”: **Acts of the Apostles 4:32-25**
What specifically touched you in this reading?

Individual Reflection or Discussion Questions:

1. What from the message video or homily stood out to you this week?
2. What does the first reading from Acts mean for you in terms of your understanding of Christian community?
3. How have you experienced the power of Christian community?
4. What is God calling you to do or be part of within your parish community?

Go Deeper as a group on the Church's Understanding of Community:

- ✓ *United States Catholic Catechism for Adults Ch. 10 (pp.111-123)*
Online version: <http://ccc.usccb.org/flipbooks/uscca/files/assets/basic-html/page-1.html#>
- ✓ Use Discussion questions on p. 121

Closing Prayer- Listen to “Same Power” by Jeremy Camp or pray the lyrics:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=InsifiZxVXU>

SAME POWER by Jeremy Camp

I can see
Waters raging at my feet
I can feel
The breath of those surrounding me
I can hear
The sound of nations rising up
We will not be overtaken
We will not be overcome

I can walk
Down this dark and painful road
I can face
Every fear of the unknown
I can hear
All God's children singing out
We will not be overtaken
We will not be overcome

The same power that rose Jesus from the grave
The same power that commands the dead to wake
Lives in us, lives in us
The same power that moves mountains when He speaks
The same power that can calm a raging sea
Lives in us, lives in us
He lives in us, lives in us

We have hope
That His promises are true
In His strength
There is nothing we can't do
Yes, we know
There are greater things in store
We will not be overtaken
We will not be overcome

Greater is He that is living in me
He's conquered our enemy
No power of darkness
No weapon prevails
We stand here in victory

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The same power that moves mountains when He speaks
The same power that can calm a raging sea
Lives in us, lives in us
He lives in us, lives in us AMEN