

# SHARED PART ONE

Talk form 1:00pm-1:45pm

**Discussion 1:30pm-2:30**

- **SLIDE 149** Matthew West Truth be Told
- **SLIDE 150** John 6:48-51
  - *“I am the bread of life. Your ancestors ate the manna in the desert, but they died; this is the bread that comes down from heaven so that one may eat it and not die. I am the living bread that came down from heaven; whoever eats this bread will live forever; and the bread that I will give is my flesh for the life of the world.”*
  - During Advent we tie the past, present and future together and as we recall that the Baby born in a manger over 2,000 years ago who was the **“bread come down from Heaven,”** He was with us then, He is with us now, and He will come again at the end of time.
- **SLIDE 151** Trivia question

- **SLIDE 152** What four things did Jesus do to the bread at the last supper?
- **SLIDE 153**
  - **Bullet** Took it (In other words He chose it)
  - **Bullet** Blessed it
  - **Bullet** Broke it
  - **Bullet** Shared it    SHARED is the title of this talk!
- **SLIDE 154** SHARED
- **SLIDE 155** We finished the morning Blessed-Broken – and Scared.....yuk!
  - **Bullet** We are not called to be Blessed Broken and SCARED
  - **Bullet** Blessed, Broken and Scared is not Eucharist, Communion, nor the Lord's Supper. It is simply blessed and broken.
  - **Bullet** We are chosen to be Eucharist
  - **Bullet** Scared leaves us as **ineffective evangelizers and keeps us broken.**
  - **Bullet** We are called to be Blessed, Broken and SHARED!
- **SLIDE 156** Another Trivia Quiz

- Where was Jesus born?
  - Yes, in Bethlehem.
- And what does Bethlehem mean? **It means “house of bread”.**
- If we are going to be a “house of bread then we need to be **BLESSED, BROKEN AND SHARED**
- **SLIDE 157 SHARED (H)**
  - HONESTY: truthfulness, candor, or sincerity
  - Admit our brokenness and become vulnerable
- **SLIDE 158** Have you ever thought of yourself as EUCHARIST?
- **SLIDE 158**
  - "Material food first of all turns itself into the person who eats it, and as a consequence, restores his losses and increases his vital energies. Spiritual food, on the other hand, turns the person who eats it into Itself, and thus the proper effect of this sacrament is the conversion of man into Christ, so that he may no longer live for himself, but that Christ may

live in Him.

## Thomas Aquinas

- **SLIDE 160** There is Joy in being saved
  - Some will shout it from the mountains
  - Others will show it in a quiet way
  - All like the blind man will be changed
- **NO SLIDE** So would you all agree with me that Christian Community is essential on our journey as disciples of Jesus Christ?
- **NO SLIDE** If we are called to share there needs to be more than just one. Can't share with ourselves.
- **SLIDE 161** Christianity is not a solo sport.
  - Three Dog Night sang ***"One is the loneliest number."***
  - ***"Loneliness is the most terrible poverty"***  
Mother Teresa
- **SLIDE 162** Dietrich Bonhoeffer: ***"He who is alone with his sins is utterly alone!"***

- **SLIDE 163** TRUE FRIENDSHIP (Sirach 6:14-16)
  - Faithful friends are a sturdy shelter; whoever finds one finds a treasure.
  - Faithful friends are beyond price, no amount can balance their worth.
  - Faithful friends are life-saving medicine; those who fear God will find them.
- **NO SLIDE** Christ manifest himself to us through others and to others through us
  - Why do we need community?
- **SLIDE 164** St. Catherine of Sienna Records that God told her: “For I could well have supplied you with all your needs, both spiritual and material. But I wanted to make you **dependent on one another...**”
- **SLIDE 165** Author Dan Burke:
  - Brake Light story
  - Are your spiritual brake lights working?

- **SLIDE 166 SMALL GROUPS**
- I want to make the point that it is important that we live our lives in some type of small weekly gathering of Christian friends.
- **SLIDE 167.** We all need Friends. God made us as communal people
- **SLIDE 168.** Just like the paralytic in Luke's Gospel, we often need the help of others to carry us to God.
- **SLIDE 169 CHRIST CENTERED FRIENDSHIPS**
  - **SLIDE 170 Blessed**
  - In what way did you most experience God's blessing in your life this week?
  - Did God reveal anything new or surprising to you about Himself this week?
  - Did God reveal anything new or surprising to you about you this week?
  - **SLIDE 171 Broken**
  - What obstacles and/or sins did you encounter in your life this week that clouded your relationship with God or kept you from being the disciple that you are called to be?
  - **SLIDE 172 Shared**

- After reviewing your blessings and/or brokenness, what have you learned that you can share with others to help draw them closer to Christ?
- How were you an encourager this week to someone who was lost, hurt or broken?
- Did you miss any opportunities to share Christ with someone this week?
- **SLIDE 173.** “A Sweet friendship refreshes the soul.”  
**Proverbs 27:9**
- **SLIDE 174.** “Laughter has something in it common with the ancient words of faith and inspiration; it unfreezes pride and unwinds secrecy; it makes people forget themselves in the presence of something greater than themselves.” **G. K. Chesterton**
- **SLIDE 175.** “A friend loves at all times.” **Proverbs 17:17**
- **SLIDE 176.** Each of us only makes up one piece of the puzzle of the **BODY OF CHRIST**
- **NO SLIDE** 3 Personalities in Groups:
  - **SLIDE 177** **Encourager**: Seeking
  - Do you draw people into discussions

- Do you create a safe place to open up
- Do you ask questions like: “Is there anything on your mind?”
- **SLIDE 178** Inhibitor: Push them away: I was often afraid
- Abortion: Savannah Lady’s Story
- Addictions: do you talk down about people with addictions?
  - Drugs (addicted to pain opioids)
  - Sexting (some famous celebrity)
- **SLIDE 179** Ignorer: just not in tune (story later)
- Easy to do nothing
- We know what Jesus thought about “lukewarm”
- **SLIDE 180** We can and must create a **Safe Zone** in our Christian groups?
  - Does your group encourage Honesty?
  - Are you an encourager? Invite others to share/ pry a little
  - I was in a group for 23 years before I could reveal my brokenness



- **SLIDE 181** We must be willing to open up
- **SLIDE 182** Be careful who we tell, but **tell someone**
  - **Sirach 6** *“When you gain friends, gain them through testing, and do not be quick to trust them.”*
  - **Maybe you need to tell a professional**
  - God will lead you to someone
  - Telling too many may make it worse
- **SLIDE 183** We must also keep in mind that we **can’t** always fix the problem:
  - “Weep with those who weep” Rom 12:15
  - Mary, John and Simon Stories

- SLIDE 184-191 Song (Tenderly Calling by John Denver)
  - Stand up and face your reflections the feelings you try to ignore
  - Mirror exercise
  - Do you see the real you?
  - A sinner?
  - Broken by the world: grief, illness, etc.
  - Well hidden secrets
  - Do you feel chained
  - Does anyone but you know the REAL you?
  - Do you love this person as God does?
  - Good news HE has **CHOSEN** YOU AS YOU ARE!
- Fr. Barron's windshield story
  - SLIDE 192 Dirty windows
  - SLIDE 193 Clean windows

**Finish Talk by 1:45PM**

- **SLIDE 194** Agenda
  - Read Slide
- **SLIDE 195** I am available if anyone wants to talk
- **SLIDE 196** Discussion Time
- **SLIDE 196** Discussion Questions
  - Why is it so important to have good Christian/Catholic friends to share life's journey with?
  - Can you give an example of how you can be an encourager to help someone else open up about something that is troubling them?

**Finish Discussion by 2:30**