

## Year A Summer Reading Small Group Questions



### ***The Bible Compass* by Edward Sri**

*This book provides an overview to the Bible and how we approach it as Catholics. Dr. Sri's "five keys" will help us get on the same page for reading Scripture and how we study and discuss it in the Catholic Biblical School of Michigan.*

*Please answer the following questions and bring them with you to our First Class Kick-off (Sat, Sept 16<sup>th</sup> or Sun, Sept 17<sup>th</sup>). Your instructor may wish to collect your answers, so bring them to class the first day you meet at your parish location that following week.*

#### General:

First – Introduce yourselves!

1. What led you to the Catholic Biblical School? What are your expectations for the coming year?
2. What is your past experience, if any, reading and/or studying the Bible? (How have you done it, what helped you, what was difficult, etc.)

#### Regarding *The Bible Compass*:

3. What does it mean to say Scripture is inspired? What was the role of human authors in writing Scripture? (Chapter 1)
4. Briefly state what, why, and how God reveals Himself. How do Scripture, Tradition, and the Magisterium work as "three legs of a tripod" in allowing us to know and understand God's revelation? (Chapter 2)
5. Briefly describe the five keys for interpreting Scripture. Which of these, if any, do you find easiest or hardest when you think about studying the Bible and why? (Chapter 3-7)
6. You read quite a bit in *The Bible Compass* about the best way to study and interpret Scripture from an intellectual perspective. Yet, Dr. Sri explains this is not enough. Why does prayer play an important role in studying Scripture? (see chapter 14)
7. Think of someone you know (it may be you!) who does not know much about the Bible. What 2 or 3 things did you find in *The Bible Compass* that would help that person better understand what the Lord is saying through Scripture?