1. **1 Corinthians 12:12-13**
* Why do you think Paul is speaking about a body and its parts here?
* According to Paul what sacrament initiated us into unity with one another to form one body?
* **Matthew 28:18-20**
* What is the proper formula for this sacrament according to Jesus Christ’s own words (notice this is the only place in the Bible where Christ gives a specific formula on how to administer this sacrament)?
* **Romans 8:14-17**
* Consider what is said in Romans and 1 Corinthians, what did we receive during this sacrament?
* **Galatians 3:27-29, Ephesians 3:4-6**
* In the Old Covenant only the Israelites were God’s chosen people, who is God’s Kingdom made up of now in the New Covenant?
* What does this say about our social class, ethnicity or nationality?
1. **1 Corinthians 12:14-18**
* Who “placed the parts” in “the body” according to his intentions?
* According to what you have read so far, are any of the parts less valuable than the others?
* Why do you believe we are “placed” as different parts, wouldn’t it be better if we were all things at all times?
* **Psalms 139:13-16, Jeremiah 1:4-5**
* Consider (if you have not already) what part of the body you may be, and consider that according to the scripture the role you have been assigned was “intended” by God himself, how does this make you feel?
1. **1 Corinthians 12:19-20**
* Explain the message you believe Paul is trying to convey here to the Corinthians and us.
1. **1 Corinthians 12:21-25**
* What does Paul state about “the parts of the body that seem to be weaker”?
* What does Paul state about the parts “we consider less honorable”?
* What part of the body receives “greater honor” according to Paul?
* What is the overall purpose for this principal of bestowing honor?
1. **1 Corinthians 12:26**
* When we honor a Saint of the Church, Mary the Mother of God, or even another Christian who has done great works in the name of Jesus Christ, how does it affect the church?
* Can you give an example of something we do in Church or even the secular world that honors the body of Christ?
* Before considering Paul’s words today, did you recognize that honoring them created a moment for “all the parts to share its joy”?
* What happens when a member of the Church “suffers”?
* Have you ever considered this when you observed a part of the body suffering?
* How does this teaching affect your future plans to respond to those parts of the body of Christ who are suffering in our neighborhoods, cities, states, nation and the world?
* Considering this, how concerned should we be with the well being of Christ’s entire body (All baptized believers)?
* **Catechism 781-782**
* **John 14:23, John 17:9-11, John 17:20-23**
* How important do you believe it is that we act and see each other as one body?
* Share something that was meaningful to you today with the group.