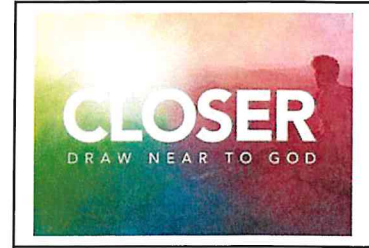


Drawing Closer  
Sunday School Class  
November 15, 2020



Opening Prayer

Structure and Goals for the Class

Devotional: Psalm 130 using Lectio Divina

Break Throughs and High Points

1. Daily Bible reading
2. Memorizing scripture
3. Journaling
4. Joining a group

Getting to Know Mother Teresa:

1. She was born in North Macedonia in \_\_\_\_\_.
2. She died in India in \_\_\_\_\_.
3. Her given name at birth was Anjeze Gonxhe Bojaxhiu.
4. In 1950 she founded the Missionaries of \_\_\_\_\_, which currently has over 5,100 nuns and is active in 133 countries.
5. They manage homes for people dying of HIV/AIDS, leprosy, and tuberculosis and also manage medical clinics, orphanages, and soup kitchens.
6. Members of this charity take \_\_\_\_\_ of chastity, poverty, obedience, and “wholehearted free service to the poorest of the poor.”
7. She won the \_\_\_\_\_ Nobel Peace Prize.
8. She was canonized on September 4, \_\_\_\_\_ and is recognized in the Catholic church with an annual Feast Day on September \_\_\_\_\_.

The Spiritual Life of Mother Teresa.

1. She attributed her strength and perseverance to \_\_\_\_\_ and the \_\_\_\_\_ contemplation of Jesus Christ.
2. She expressed deep \_\_\_\_\_ about God’s existence.
  - d. “Even deep down there is nothing but emptiness and darkness.”
  - e. “When I try to raise my thoughts to heaven, there is such convincing emptiness that those very thoughts return like sharp knives and hurt my very soul.”
  - f. “The silence and emptiness is so great that I look and do not see, listen and do not hear, the tongue moves [in prayer] but does not speak.”
3. She was concerned that people would “think more of me and less of \_\_\_\_\_.”

4. She held on to \_\_\_\_\_ 113:7-9 for purpose and encouragement. *“The Lord raises the poor out of the dust, and lifts the needy out of the ash heap, that He may seat him with princes— with the princes of His people. He grants the barren woman a home, like a joyful mother of children. Praise the Lord!”*

#### Lessons We Can Learn from Mother Teresa:

1. Our \_\_\_\_\_ are not our own. “We are like a pencil in the hand of God.”
2. Just because we devote our lives to God does not mean that we will be free of doubt and \_\_\_\_\_.
3. \_\_\_\_\_ is something for which we can all strive.
4. It is good to have a defining \_\_\_\_\_ verse that gives us purpose and perspective.

#### Committing Verses to Memory:

1. *“My ways are not your ways and my thoughts are not your thoughts.” Isaiah 55:7*
2. *“Be still and know that I am God.” Psalm 46:10*
3. *“I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me.” Philippians 4:13*
4. *“I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith.” 2 Timothy 4:7*

#### Daily Bible Verses:

Monday: Deuteronomy 6:1-9  
Tuesday: Psalm 27:1-6  
Wednesday: Proverbs 3:1-10  
Thursday: Ecclesiastes 3:1-8  
Friday: Isaiah 6:1-8  
Saturday: Matthew 5:1-12

#### Closing Comments and Prayer