

1 **THE SEARCH: Session 7**

2 **What did the astronaut do with the Eucharist?** *With permission of The Church, he placed three*
 3 *consecrated host into a PIC in his suit to be consumed in space.*

4 **Did his story of faith change your thoughts of the Eucharist?** *Answers will vary*

5 **What is the bark of Peter's Boat?** *Describe how The Church is like a boat that can safely take us anywhere*
 6 **How does this relate to The Church?**

7 *The Church a way for us to encounter the presence of GOD that we need to live life to the full....*

8 *where we can look for authoritative teaching in interpreting all that he left us... and help us to apply it to*
 9 *our lives today.*

10 **Loneliness:** *More dangerous than smoking; SOLUTION: Relationships as part of a community (not*
 11 *about income, status, or power.*

12 **KEY LEARNING POINT:** *We are MADE for RELATIONSHIPS.*

13 **Biblical Relationships:** *GOD chose messy people to work with...Abraham, Moses (the murderer),*
 14 *David (the adulterer), Peter (the one who denied his LORD) – GOD is a FATHER...peter*

15 **How does GOD save us as a FATHER?**

16 **GOD's Plan:**

17 1). *Organized religion (never meant to be private/personal thing but the communion of people)*

18 2). *GOD intends for us to publicly, boldly and together worship Him*

19 **KEY LEARNING POINT:** *GOD chose to NEED US...HE chooses YOU!*

20 **Wolves in sheep's clothing**¹: *How do we explain The Church scandals and remain Catholic?*

21 *The Church responded to the crisis in tangible/appropriate ways; it has made a difference.*

22 *What happens when a bone breaks in the human body? Body heals the bone with cement-like*
 23 *substance because body gives it so much attention*

24 **KEY LEARNING POINT:** *Mystery of GOD's love; When sin happens, GOD's mercy is incredible*
 25 *source of Love and Healing*

26 **Sinners and Saints**²: *Church has had many sinners and saints (heroes of faith)*

27 **ACCOLADES:** *Invented first university system, first hospitals, largest service provider on earth even*
 28 *during plagues, preservation of historical writings (Socrates/Plato, etc.), only 7% of history's wars were*
 29 *over religion (Exhaustive studies have shown over last 100 years, atheistic, secularist communism*
 30 *claimed more lives than all other wars combined.*

31 **Spiritual but not Religious:** *We are not just spirits (spirituality is not abstract)...we exist as both*

32 **KEY LEARNING POINT:** *The Liturgy experience is both spirit and body*

33 **SACRAMENTS:** *Provides ritual accompaniments to guide/support us through Christian Life*

34 **KEY LEARNING POINT:** *While we are naturally born, we are supernaturally born in Baptism...*

35 *Christ accompanies us and gives us the Sacraments we need to grow in stature and strength and*

36 *finally to enter into glory and be with Him for all eternity; SACRAMENTS go straighter to GOD through*
 37 *the Sacraments than you could by yourself*

38 *"In every Mass, the curtain of time is torn in two, and you and me are there at Calvary."*

39 *Fr. Fulton J Sheen*

40 **The Temple of People of GOD**³: *Old Testament world...a very sacred, consecrated place where God*
 41 *dwelled among men; contained the Holy of Holies separated people with thick curtain; only the High*
 42 *Priest could enter. When Jesus died, we became the new dwelling place of GOD.*

43 **KEY LEARNING POINT:** *YOU are the New Temple of the Holy Spirit of GOD!*

44 **What do we consecrate today in the New Temple of Holy Spirit?** *Holy water for blessing Eucharist,*
45 *altars, church buildings, ourselves (Sign of Cross with Holy Water)⁴*

46 **KEY LEARNING POINT:** *GOD entered time and space...Life has purpose; He called us*
47 *friends...He was willing to die for us to live a new life...He didn't leave just a message but a family!*
48 *He left us the great gifts of the Sacraments, the connection...the bond between us and Him.*
49 **"I don't want to follow some man-made religion..."** *Our religion was not founded by a man but by*
50 *Jesus Christ, the Son of GOD*

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54 ¹ RESOURCE: *Letter to a Suffering Church: A Bishop Speaks on the Sexual Abuse Crisis* by Bishop
55 Robert Barron

56 ² Sinners and Saints

57 ³ Holy of Holies

58 ⁴ Use of Holy Water