

How do we say Yes to God?



PRAY

My Lord and my God!

Before we choose you, you chose us. Amen.



CONTEMPLATE

One person reads the Bible passage aloud.
Short silence.

Exchange: *What particularly appealed to you?*



STUDY

1. Read YOUCAT text sentence-for-sentence. Then one person reads the text aloud in full.
2. Three minutes of silence.
3. Each person reads a word or phrase aloud (without comment) that he or she has noticed.
4. Explain briefly in the next round why you have chosen the sentence (e.g. memories, questions, etc.).



DISCUSS

Also discuss your own questions on this topic!

Treasure Book: *Take five minutes to write down what you don't want to forget.*



CHALLENGE

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1. After Jesus, why is Mary the central role model for everyone who wants to become a Christian?
2. What if Mary had said: "I don't know... I would rather not!" or "What to I get in return?"
3. Why are we allowed to pray to Mary at all?
4. How can I say "Yes" to God more in my life?

To be truthful means to be authentic. Pray a Hail Mary and write down your personal life experience and internalize it in such manner as to be able to spontaneously tell it to anyone. What influenced you? What hurt you? What are you standing for?

Do you accept this challenge?

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