



# The Lamb's Supper

## Book Study

### Part 1: Heaven on Earth

#### **Introduction:**

"Now, you may reply that your weekly experience of Mass is anything but heavenly... Yet I insist that we do go to heaven when we go to Mass, and this is true of every Mass." (P.5)

**Discussion:** What is your experience of Mass? Is it heaven on earth? Is it boring sometimes? Do you get distracted? Is your experience of Mass different at other parishes? (Example)

#### **Chapter 1:**

"I took my seat in the shadows, in a pew at the very back... My Lord and my God, that's really you." (Pgs. 7-8)

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#### **Chapter 2:**

"Lambs don't usually rank high on lists of most admired animals. They're not particularly strong, clever, quick, or handsome. Other animals would seem more worth to represent the Lord God." (Pgs. 14-15)

**Discussion:** Why is Lamb a fitting title for Jesus? What does this tell us about ourselves, our lives and how we are to live?

Scripture: Isaac and reasons for sacrifice (pgs. 18-19). Eucharistic Prayers at mass.

Examples: The Notebook/Married Couple,

Pop-Psycology growth mindset (Pg 3)

2 Cor 12:10





“I could come up with the greatest idea or successful thing at work and most people will forget it in a month. But to make my little girl smile with uninhibited joy like that is worth every ounce of strength I’ve got.” -TJ

The lie of our modern culture: Power, control, success, comfort, etc. will bring happiness.

Only love will bring true meaning and fulfillment and joy in our life.

True love hurts. It always has to hurt. It must be painful to love someone, painful to leave them, you might have to die for them. When people marry they have to give up everything to love each other. The mother who gives birth to her child suffers much. It is the same for us in the religious life. To belong fully to God we have to give up everything. Only then can we truly love. The word “love” is so misunderstood and so misused.

*Mother Teresa*

#### **Chapter 4:**

Does anybody know where the song and dance “The Hokie Pokie” came from?

“Liturgy engages the whole person: body, soul and spirit... Unless we understand both the parts and the whole, the mass can become mindless routine, without heartfelt participation.”  
(p. 41-42)

#### **Discussion:**

Did you learn anything new about the parts of the mass from this Chapter? Why do we do some of the things we do (sign of the cross, penitential act, offertory gifts, etc.)