

Lesson 9

Please read paragraphs 484-534 and then answer the following questions:

1. "Catholics worship Mary." "Catholics think Mary is divine." "Catholics believe that Mary didn't need to be saved from sin." These are some of the more typical attacks leveled against the Church and her teaching. Why is the insight contained in #487 important in addressing some of these misconceptions?
2. What is the view of women contained in #'s 488-489? Is it positive or negative?
3. The dogma of the Immaculate Conception teaches that Mary did not need a savior. True or False? Why? (#'s 490-493)
4. Who are the "*brothers and sisters of Jesus*" spoken of in the New Testament? (# 500)
5. St. Augustine is quoted at the end of # 506. Discuss this statement in your sharing group.
6. "Love your mother" (referring to planet earth) is a slogan used by contemporary environmentalists. For Christians, this expression has 3 possible meanings (planet earth not being one of them!) What are they? (# 507)
7. Without faith, is it possible to fully appreciate the Gospels? (# 515)
8. In # 526 we read, "*To become a child in relation to God is the condition for entering the kingdom.*" Explain this statement.
9. What are some of the important ways in which Jesus is to be "*our model?*" (# 520)
10. How does the "*finding of Jesus in the temple*" reveal our Lord's "*total consecration to a mission that flowed from his divine sonship?*" (# 534)