



STUDY GUIDE
Journeying Together.
Theological Foundations of
BEACONS of LIGHT
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Discussion/Reflection Questions

*Use these questions for personal reflection on the document and articles
OR use them for small group discussion and faith sharing.*

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1. Of the many images used to describe the Church, which speaks to you most powerfully? Which presents the most challenge? Why?
2. What do you love most about your own family? What do you love most about your parish and why?
3. From the six characteristics of an evangelizing community, which does your parish do well? Which ones are weak spots? Why?
4. Describe a time when you really felt someone was listening to you. How did that make you feel?
5. What keeps our parish from focusing on the mission of evangelization and discovering what God has prepared for us? How can we be more *synodal* in our parish life?
6. How have you experienced co-responsibility in parish life? What keeps this from being a reality?

Article: Discernment & Co-Responsibility

1. How have you experienced co-responsibility in parish life? What keeps this from being a reality?
2. Which is the hardest part of discernment for you: recognizing, interpreting, or choosing? Why?

Article: Families of Parishes as Evangelizing Communities

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Article: Journeying Together

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Article: Synodality

1. Describe a time when you truly “walked together” with someone (literally or figuratively). How did that experience reveal God’s presence to you?

Article: Synodality in the Church and of the Church

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Article: The Church as the Family of God

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