God, Where Are You?

Life Issues B Summary

Chapter Learning Objectives

The participants will examine ways God promises to be with us always.

The participants will reflect on their relationship with God.

Content Summary

1. Everyone goes through times when God seems far away. At these times it is important to remember that God sent Jesus, his only Son, to us to be with us always.

2. Jesus is with us and communicates with us in these ways:

* in the Sacraments, especially in the Eucharist, his very Body and Blood
* through the Holy Spirit, in the prayers of the liturgy (the Mass and the Liturgy of the Hours), and in our private prayer and meditation
* in and through the events of our lives

3. Jesus is with us in good times and in bad. When something bad happens, this does not mean that God does not love us. God the Father sent Jesus to us to assure us of his love, even in the midst of tragedy and death.

4. The Passion and death of Christ remind us that God is with us at the worst of times.

5. The Resurrection of Christ reminds us that God is with us to take us through our suffering and death to new life with him, now and in eternity.

6. God helps us through the hard times of this life by working for good within them and despite them:
“We know that in all things God works for good with those who love him, those whom he has called according to his purpose” (Romans 8:28).

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