

## **Adult Faith Formation Lenten Series**

### **No Greater Love: A Biblical Walk Through Christ's Passion and Soup Supper**

We are happy to announce that during the Lenten Season, our Parish will be having a Soup Supper and Lenten Series for the adults of the Parish. These sessions will be held on four Wednesday evenings during Lent, beginning on **Wednesday March 20<sup>th</sup> and continuing on March 27<sup>th</sup>, April 3<sup>rd</sup>, and April 10<sup>th</sup>**. The Soup Supper will begin at **6:00 PM** and it will be served until **6:40 PM** in the Monsignor Woods Hall.

Following the Soup Supper, **from 7:00 PM until 8:30 PM** in the Monsignor Woods Hall, there will be a Lenten Series entitled *No Greater Love: A Biblical Walk through Christ's Passion*. The series is a presentation made available from *Ascension Press* and the speaker, via DVD, is **Doctor Edward Sri**. Filmed on location in the Holy Land, *No Greater Love* is a five-part video series that reveals Christ's amazing love for us. We will study and enter into four parts of this video series. While engaging in this study, we will walk step-by-step with Jesus from the Garden of Gethsemane to the Mount of Calvary. Author Edward Sri guides us through the last hours of Christ's life in this biblical pilgrimage. Every step of the way, biblical experts reveal how Old Testament prophecies, messianic expectations, biblical symbolism, and historical context shed light on the mystery of Christ's suffering and death. With these insights, we can come to a deeper understanding and appreciation of God's immeasurable and unconditional love which will allow us to draw closer to Jesus.

In this study, we will discover:

- The Biblical background to each scene in Christ's passion;
- What was Jesus going through at each moment?
- How did the Old Testament foretell of Christ's death?
- Why did Christ die for us? What did His death accomplish?
- What was the meaning behind the tearing of the temple veil, the crowning with thorns, and other events during Christ's Passion?

Doctor Edward Sri also unpacks commonly misunderstood sayings of Jesus, such as:

- "Father, if it be possible, let this cup pass?"—Was Jesus thinking of backing out at the last minute?
- "My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?"—Was Jesus really abandoned by the Father on the cross?
- "You have said so."—What does that mean?

Pope Benedict XVI invites us to think of the Passion, not just as suffering, but also as the passion of a lover. For in the cross, we see God fully revealed as "a lover with all the passion of a true love". Jesus doesn't want our applause. He wants our hearts. Are you ready to draw closer to Jesus in His passion than you ever have before?

The format of the sessions includes a DVD presentation by Doctor Edward Sri and then the opportunity to break into small groups. The topics of the Series are designed in such a way that, if you are unable to attend all the sessions, you may attend those for which you are available.

It is our hope that our parishioners will make every effort to attend and encourage others as well. Parishioners may attend the Soup Supper and the Faith Formation/Lenten Series or, if their schedule does not allow for both, they may attend just the Soup Supper or just the Faith Formation/Lenten Series. **If interested, [click here](#) to register online.**

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call the rectory 215-946-4040.