Being the Church: *Lumen Gentium* Book Study
Session 2 Discussion Questions

<u>Chapter I: The Mystery of the Church</u>

- Article 1
    - What is the nature of the Church?
    - What is the goal of this document?
    - How do the council fathers intend to achieve this goal?
- Article 2
    - Who else is a sacrament?
    - What is this section teaching?
- Article 3
    - Do Catholics believe in predestination?
    - How was the Church constituted? Is that work finished?
- Article 4
    - What is the Holy Spirit's role in the Church?
    - What kind of unity should the Church embody?
- Article 5: What is the mission of the Church?
- Article 6
    - Which image of the Church speaks to you most and why?
    - Why has Scripture given us so many images of the Church?
- Article 7
    - Why is so much space devoted to this one image of the Church?
    - What constitutes (brings together) the Body of Christ?
- Article 8
    - How does the Church mirror Christ's two natures?
    - Who belongs to the Church? (See *Unitatis Redintegratio* 3 and 22.)

Chapter II: On the People of God

- Article 9
    - How does the teaching of this section contrast with the "Jesus and me" mentality found among some non-Catholic Christians?
    - Where (and when) is the Church?
- Article 10
    - ==What are the similarities and differences between the ministerial priesthood and the common priesthood of the baptized?==
    - ==How do you live out your priesthood?==
- Article 11
    - ==How do lay people take part in the Eucharistic sacrifice?==
    - ==How can ordinary Christians achieve "perfect holiness"? Why would Christ call us to something that seems humanly impossible?==
    - What has been your experience of the "domestic church"?
- Article 12: ==What is this section teaching about the *sensus fidei*?==
- Article 14: ==Who is saved and who is not?==
- Article 15: ==What is the relationship between the Catholic Church and non-Catholic Christians? (See *Unitatis Redintegratio* 3.)==
- Article 16
    - ==Can non-Christians be saved?==
    - ==Why does the Church persist in its missionary zeal?==
- Article 17: Who is responsible for spreading the faith?