

Being the Church: *Lumen Gentium* Book Study Session 4 Reflection Questions

Chapter IV: The Laity

- What is the mission of the laity?
- Who is called to holiness?
- How has the role of the laity in the Church changed throughout your lifetime?
- How do the lay faithful exercise their priestly function?
- How do the lay faithful exercise their prophetic function?
- How do the lay faithful exercise their royal function?
- How should the lay faithful participate in secular affairs?
- How should the lay faithful behave toward their spiritual shepherds?
- What is meant by this quote from St. John Chrysostom: "In a word, "Christians must be to the world what the soul is to the body"? (See *Lumen Gentium* 38.)

Chapter V: The Universal Call to Holiness in the Church

- How can the Church be indefectibly holy?
- How does one become holy?
- What examples of holiness are available to us?
- What are some examples of how people in your state of life can respond to the universal call to holiness?
- What actions on our part complete God's work in us? (See *Lumen Gentium* 42.)
- Why does the Church consider martyrdom an "exceptional gift" and not just a horrific tragedy?
- What are the evangelical counsels, and why do some of the faithful take vows based on them? How can all the faithful apply these counsels to their lives?