



Week #11: DO NOT ENTER

1. GOAL: DISCERNING GOD'S VOICE

2. GOD SPEAKS IN VARIOUS WAYS

- a. Growing as a disciple means learning to recognize God's voice.
 - i. We need to give Him time to speak.
 - ii. We need to learn to discern His voice.
- b. God's voice should reflect what we hear in Scripture and Church teaching.

3. IMAGES FROM GOD

- a. Hebrews 12: "the race"
- b. Hebrews 11: "the hall of faith"
- c. "the 12th man" stadium
- d. The Saints are cheering and praying for us!
- e. Drop the nets and follow Jesus.

4. WHAT OUR "DO NOT ENTER" SIGN

DOES NOT MEAN

- a. You will lose your identity and have to give up everything you love.
- b. You will lose control of your life.
- c. You'll never have fun anymore.
- d. You will become a "Jesus freak."

- e. You aren't good enough; if they really knew you, they'd ask you to leave.
- f. God will make you do things that you hate and don't want to do.
- g. It will be too hard for you!

5. OLGC IS A PARISH FOR ANYONE WHO IS HUNGRY FOR MORE

- a. It is not a parish for uber-Catholics or the spiritually elite.
- b. OLGC is a parish for those who:
 - i. are interested in hearing about Jesus and what He's done for us;
 - ii. are open to considering whether Jesus' statement, "I have come that you may have—not just life—but abundant life"; and
 - iii. want abundant life!

6. TWO MORE IMAGES TO CONSIDER

- a. Saint Augustine
- b. Your family and friends

QUOTE:

"Do not conform yourselves to this age but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and pleasing and perfect." Romans 12:2



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Notes

QUESTIONS for reflection/discussion:

1. Read Romans 12:2. Since God most often speaks to you through your mind and heart, how can you develop what the Scripture refers to as “the mind of Christ”?
2. Do you hear God speaking to you? If yes, have you identified how He most often communicates His will to you?
3. A spiritually mature person is in a close relationship with God. Do you consider yourself to be a spiritually mature person? If not, how might you set as a goal to become more spiritually mature so that you can clearly and correctly hear what God has to say to you?
4. What are some of the voices saying to you as to why you should “not enter”?

For next week: Invite the Holy Spirit to renew your mind every day that He might cleanse it from false beliefs, attitudes, and unhealthy feelings. Work on developing a conversational relationship with God that you might come to know His voice. Read Hebrews 11 & 12. Read about the life in depth of one of our saints.