

Saint Aloysius Gonzaga Parish
Catholic Book Discussion Group: *Beautiful Mercy*
May 26, 2016: Chapters 2 and 3, Pages 27 – 49

DISCUSSION OUTLINE

1. The question was asked last month: “What is ‘mercy’? Half way through the Year of Mercy and two months into our discussion of *Beautiful Mercy*, how would you define “mercy”? Or is it easier to *describe* “mercy”? What does it mean to be “merciful like the Heavenly Father”? (A Helpful Hint?: Christopher West on page 39)
2. Feeding the Hungry and Giving Drink to the Thirsty are two of the Catholic Corporal Works of Mercy. Where are these Works found in the Scripture? From your knowledge of the Gospels, when/how did Jesus feed the hungry and give drink to the thirsty?
3. Father Larry Richards is very blunt when he writes: “To feed the hungry is *not* an option for the Christian.” (page 29) Did this statement “jar” you in any way? Wake you up? Get you thinking? Did it make you reflect on your life? Change your thinking? Can you share some ways in which you feed the hungry – literally and/or figuratively?
4. What do you think Father Richards means by “in the end, the sins of omission will be the greatest sins.”? (page 30)
5. Both authors – Father Richards and Father Gaitley describe what to feed the hungry looks like practically: giving, volunteering, inviting? What do these terms mean?

6. Who is "Neema"? Why does Lisa Hendley write: "I am Neema"? What does it mean to be a "thirst-quencher"? (page 48)

7. Describe Lisa Hendley's "water moment." (page 46)

8. Do you agree with Christopher West's statement that "we are a deeply, deeply wounded people."? (page 40) What do you think West means by this observation?

9. Father Gaitley ends his observations by saying: "I hope you'll find a way that works for you!" Any ideas on what will "work for you" after reading Chapters 2 and 3? Care to share your thoughts.....

10. Any other thoughts, ideas, questions, observations, insights you wish to share.....