

1. What did you learn NEW about Blessed John XXIII? Why is he called “Good Pope John”?
2. Pope John wrote: “The secret of life is to let oneself be carried by God and so carry Him to others”? (page 184) How was this message lived in Pope John’s life? How is it lived in your life?
3. “Roncalli kept a journal during his days as a seminarian and continued the practice faithfully throughout his life.” (page 188) What is the value of “keeping a journal”? In what context does Matthew Kelly encourage us to “keep a journal”? Would you see any value to “journaling” on your own spiritual journey?
4. “During the first few months of his pontificate the contrast between John and his predecessor became apparent: John was more loving grandfather than stern uncle.” (page 191)...“John saw the church move from being largely suspicious of the modern world to seeking to engage that same world with a spirit of openness and optimism.” (page 192) Sound familiar?
5. “John radiated Christian love.” (page 195)...“You vow chastity so that you give yourself to God as totally as possible and make yourself available to love as many people as possible.” (page 199) How do both married people and celibate people live “chastity”?
6. Father Martin writes about Pope John XXIII: “He also understood the absolute need for a vibrant life of prayer...of close and trustful union with God”. (page 206) What have you learned about “prayer” and “trusting God” from Pope John? Reflect upon your own prayer life, the “routine” of prayer, how you experience “union with God”.

7. Father Martin writes: “So when I look back on the life of Angelo Roncalli, I see a man who led a life vastly different from my own...(It is) highly unlikely that my daily life will ever mirror that of Angelo Roncalli. He and I are very different and are called to be holy in different ways...But there is one thing I do share with John...” (page 207) What do you share with Pope John XXIII?
  
8. How does Blessed – soon to be Saint – John XXIII help you on the journey to become a “dynamic Catholic”?
  
9. Any final thoughts....