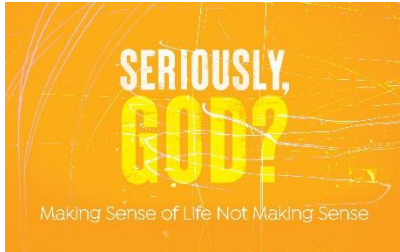


## Small Groups Conversation Guide



# Seriously, God? Week Two



### DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. **God's No and Our Freedom** – The homily emphasizes that God's "no" is ultimately for our freedom. Can you think of a time when saying "no" to a temptation or unhealthy desire led to greater freedom in your life?
2. **The Three Temptations** – Jesus faced three major temptations in the desert: prioritizing physical needs over God, compromising with evil, and seeking popularity. Which of these do you struggle with the most, and how can you rely on God's strength to overcome it?
3. **Compromise with Evil** – The homily describes how small compromises with sin can lead to greater enslavement. Have you ever experienced a situation where one small moral compromise led to bigger ones? How can we guard against this?
4. **Popularity vs. Authenticity** – Jesus resisted the temptation to win people over through spectacle. In our own lives, how do we balance the desire to be liked with staying true to our faith and values?
5. **Living in Freedom** – The message suggests that saying "no" to sin allows us to live in true freedom. How does this idea challenge or reinforce your understanding of God's rules and commandments?

### From this week's message, is there a...

- Scripture to ponder?
- Prayer to pray?
- Action to take?
- Conversation to start?
- Mindset to change?

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