



# SMALL GROUP QUESTIONS

23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time



## **Ezekiel 33:7-9**

What does the image of a watchman tell us about Ezekiel's? How is his role different from a regular person in the community?

In daily life, what does it look like to act as a spiritual watchman for family or friends without being harsh or judgmental?

How can we practice loving correction in our parish, workplace, or homes in a way that builds up faith instead of tearing people down?

## **Psalm 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9**

What does it mean in a practical, daily sense to "hear his voice" today instead of postponing conversion?

The psalm mentions Meribah and Massah—places where Israel grumbled and tested God out of thirst and doubt. What common situations or trials cause you to "test" or doubt God's presence?

## **Romans 13:8-10**

How does viewing the commandments (like not stealing or committing adultery) as a matter of "love" rather than just "rules" change your mindset?

In Catholic teaching, Christ brings the moral law to its fullness. How does cooperating with God's grace empower us to love our neighbor better than relying on human will alone?

## **Collect**

O God, by whom we are redeemed and receive adoption,  
look graciously upon your beloved sons and daughters,  
that those who believe in Christ  
may receive true freedom  
and an everlasting inheritance.

## **Gospel**

### **Matthew 13:24-43**

Why is it so difficult to confront someone face-to-face in a loving way instead of venting to a third party?

"For where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them." While often quoted for general prayer, how does this verse change meaning when read in the immediate context of seeking reconciliation and resolving division?

How can this small group better support one another in speaking the truth with love rather than letting silence or frustration build up?