



# SMALL GROUP QUESTIONS

24th Sunday in Ordinary Time



## **Sirach 27:30–28:7**

Sirach pairs human forgiveness directly with petitioning God for pardon. How does this challenge the way we view our own sins compared to the faults of others?

Why does Sirach tell us to "remember your last days" and "death and decay" as a tool for overcoming anger? How does keeping eternity in mind change our daily conflicts?

How does holding onto anger act as a block to your own spiritual healing and relationship with God?

## **Psalm 103:1-2, 3-4, 9-10, 11-12**

What specific gifts from God do the first two verses tell you to remember and thank Him for today?

How does the image of a father's tender care help you see God's patience with your mistakes?

## **Romans 14:7-9**

In a Catholic community, we see diverse devotions, political views, and personal practices. Where are you tempted to judge another believer's private choices?

How does viewing your daily routine as living "for the Lord" change small choices at work or at home?

In light of the Eucharist and our communion with the saints, how does this passage deepen our connection to the living and the dead in the Church?

## **Collect**

Look upon us, O God,  
Creator and ruler of all things,  
and, that we may feel the  
working of your mercy,  
grant that we may serve you  
with all our heart.

## **Gospel**

### **Matthew 18:21-35**

What is the most memorable favor someone did for you that you could never fully repay?

The first servant owed 10,000 talents. In the ancient world, this was an unimaginable, mathematically impossible sum to pay back—roughly 150,000 years of daily wages. Why do you think the servant foolishly promises, "I will pay you back everything"? Do we ever try to "earn" or buy back our salvation from God?

In the Our Father we pray: "Forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us." What does it mean to realize we are actively asking God to forgive us by the exact same standard we use on our forgiveness of our neighbors?