

## Reconciliation

December 14, 2025

### 8th Grade Discussion Questions

1. In your own words, what is the Sacrament of Confession really about?
2. Why do you think Jesus gave us forgiveness through a sacrament and not just private prayer?
3. What does today's experience tell us about how Jesus looks at sinners?
4. How does Confession show God's mercy rather than His judgment?
5. Why do you think people sometimes feel nervous about Confession?
6. How does hearing the words of absolution (the prayer the priest prays after we make our confession) make forgiveness feel more real?
7. What does it mean that the priest acts *in the person of Christ*?
8. How can receiving God's forgiveness help us forgive others?
9. How does Confession help us grow closer to God over time?
10. What is one thing you want to remember about God's mercy after today?

*Remember: no one needs to share personal sins — this is about understanding God's mercy.*