

## Discussion Questions for “A Short Course for Finding Your Vocation”

- 1) What would you do if you were living in Hawaii when the alert came that missiles were incoming, and you thought you had only about 40 minutes left to live?
- 2) Have you ever meditated on your death? What would be really important to you at that time in your life? Or, if you were to write your autobiography and highlight the parts of it that gave your joy and meaning, what are some things that would be highlighted? How could these meditations shape how you live your life now?
- 3) Are you living a vocation at this time in your life? If not, what would you need to do to start living one? If yes, where do you think God is leading you to in the future?
- 4) Do you have a ministry now? Is your job your ministry? Is your ministry a higher priority than your job? What could you do to orient your priority of ministry over job?
- 5) Do you spend time getting to know Jesus better, especially through listening prayer with the Gospels and receiving the sacraments, studying the faith, and being involved in your church? Should you make this a higher priority in your life? How can you do that?
- 6) What are some of your talents? Are you using them? Are you using them for things that are “Passing and of this world as we know it” or for things that are “Eternal and are a sharing in the ministry of Christ?” How could you spend more time using your talents for the building of God’s Kingdom? Are there even little steps you could take starting immediately?
- 7) Do you agree with the statement that our world needs bold disciples of Jesus Christ? Who do you think are bold disciples of Jesus Christ in our world today? How could we be bold (or at least bolder) disciples of Jesus?

## Additional Exercises to Help You Discern

1. Now actually take the time to write your autobiography, and then highlight the things that brought you joy. (Taking the time to do this will uncover additional things we might have overlooked in the above discussion questions.)

2. Read the above referenced biography: *Saint Francis of Assisi: A Life Inspired*, by Wyatt North, and use the above referenced study guide to further reflect on your vocation in the light and example of the vocation of St. Francis of Assisi, and Pope Francis.