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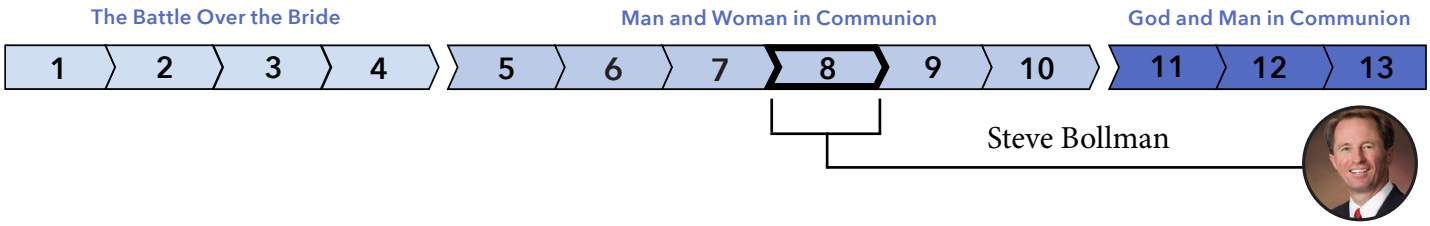
REVELATION OF THE FATHER

Small Group Guide

Session 8: Love is Sacrificial

Fall Semester Timeline



Summary

In this session, everyone is invited to understand love as a merciful and sacrificial gift of self. Authentic love remains faithful through suffering, weakness, and disappointment. The struggle is not simply against external difficulties but within their own hearts when love demands a real sacrifice. Christ reveals the fullness of love by giving himself for his bride without waiting for love in return. From his wounded side flows blood and water, revealing the birth of the Church through Baptism and the Eucharist. Jesus' sacrifice shows us that love is worth choosing because it is good in itself. By remaining united to Christ in the Eucharist, we receive the strength to live our commitments faithfully. Our willingness to love and show mercy can transform our marriages, our children, and the world around us.

Small Group Goals

- Understand sacrificial love as the mature form of Christian love, modeled by Christ on the Cross.
- Reflect on mercy, compassion, and self-gift as essential to marriage, fatherhood, and family life.
- Connect the strength to love faithfully with Christ's gift in the Eucharist.

Discussion Questions

- How do you show mercy to your spouse on a regular basis? What was the biggest sacrifice you made?
- How can you bring the Eucharist more profoundly into your marriage?

Supplemental Questions

- Where do you tend to withhold mercy when your family and friends need it most?
- What would change in your life if Christ's sacrificial love became the pattern for your words, reactions, and decisions?
- What is the greatest sacrifice you have made for love, and what did it teach you?