

FRANCIS OF ASSISI - 1182-1226

Study Questions



Scripture: Various

Letter Written To All The Faithful

1. Francis emphasizes Christ's humility, poverty, and self-giving love as the true pattern of Christian life.

Which aspect of Christ's example—His poverty, His submission, or His sacrificial love—most challenges your own way of living? Why?

2. Francis insists that few people *truly desire* salvation because they shrink from the obedience and light of Christ.

How does this insight expose the difference between admiring Jesus and actually following Him?

3. The letter repeatedly ties salvation to *receiving Christ with purity, confessing sins, and partaking worthily in the Eucharist*.

How do these practices shape a life that is awake to God rather than drifting spiritually?

4. Francis says that prayer, repentance, charity, and mercy “cleanse the soul from the defilements of sin.”

Which of these disciplines comes most naturally to you, and which feels hardest? What does that reveal about your spiritual formation?

5. Francis reminds both laypeople and clergy that their dignity comes not from personal holiness but from the sacred work God entrusts to them.

How might this reshape how you view spiritual authority, church life, and your own vocation within the body of Christ?

Notes

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