

STUDY GUIDE

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STOP

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1. What were these people doing in Washington D.C.?
2. This march was held on what anniversary?
3. What did these Supreme Court decisions in 1973 establish?
4. What are the two sides of the abortion issue and what does each believe?

GROUPS

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1. What did President Obama do that was significant to this story?
2. What will this presidential order assure?
3. Why is torture wrong, even if it involves our enemies?
4. As Christians throughout the centuries, who stands as a prime example of why we believe torture is wrong? Discuss.
5. Identify the three presidential orders and what is included in each.

BISHOP

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1. Who did Bishop Melczek chose for his Confirmation patron saint?
2. What, according to the bishop, is the core of our faith?
3. What does Jesus teach us?
4. Talk about ways we can "love our neighbor" as ourselves.
5. What does the Feast of the Presentation commemorate?
6. What traditionally gets blessed on this Feast and for what reason?

FUTURE

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1. What did Pope Benedict XVI call for in this article? Who was he addressing?
2. What does it mean to be a Christian minority? What issues do Christians struggle with in these countries?
3. "...restore ethics to global financial systems." Discuss what this means and how it affects all of us.
4. In light of many regional conflicts, where does the pope find hope?
5. What must we do throughout the world to build peace?
6. Where will the pope visit on his next trip? What concerns lie in this area?
7. Break into groups of four or five and discuss one serious issue that stems from poverty. Share with the class.

DIETZEN

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1. What does Jesus mean when he said we should not call anyone on earth "father?"
2. Is the tradition of calling a priest "father" relatively new?
3. When did the Protestants stop this practice?
4. Why do Catholics call their priests "father?"
5. What do you think of when you hear the word "father?"