

9.5 DECISION point



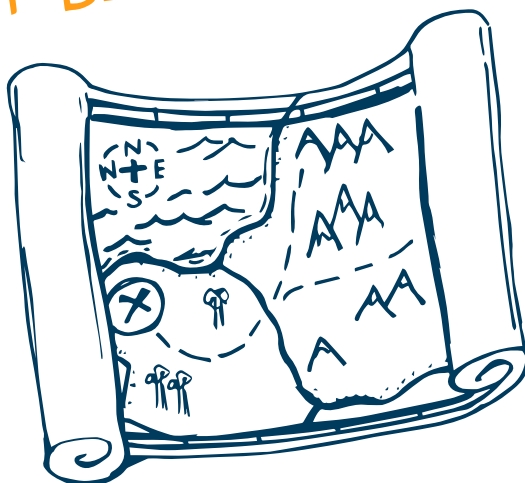
If you could invite Mary to give a lecture at your school, what would you ask her to speak about?

There are a lot of people who turn their backs on Catholicism simply because it is old. Catholicism is old; I admit it. But let me ask you a question: If you found an ancient treasure map, would you throw it away just because it was old? No. I don't think you would. You would go looking for the treasure. The age of a map doesn't determine its value of the map. It doesn't matter how old the map is. What matters is whether or not the map leads to treasure.

Catholicism is a treasure map. It may be old, but it still leads to treasure. I hope you have the courage and the wisdom to seek out the treasure that is Catholicism. And once you find it, I hope you spend the rest of your life marveling at its beauty and applying it to your life.

Do that and you will live an uncommon life filled with purpose and happiness.

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JOURNAL QUESTIONS

1. HOW DO YOU THINK YOUR LIFE MIGHT BE BETTER IF YOU FOLLOWED THE MAP THE CHURCH INVITES US TO FOLLOW?

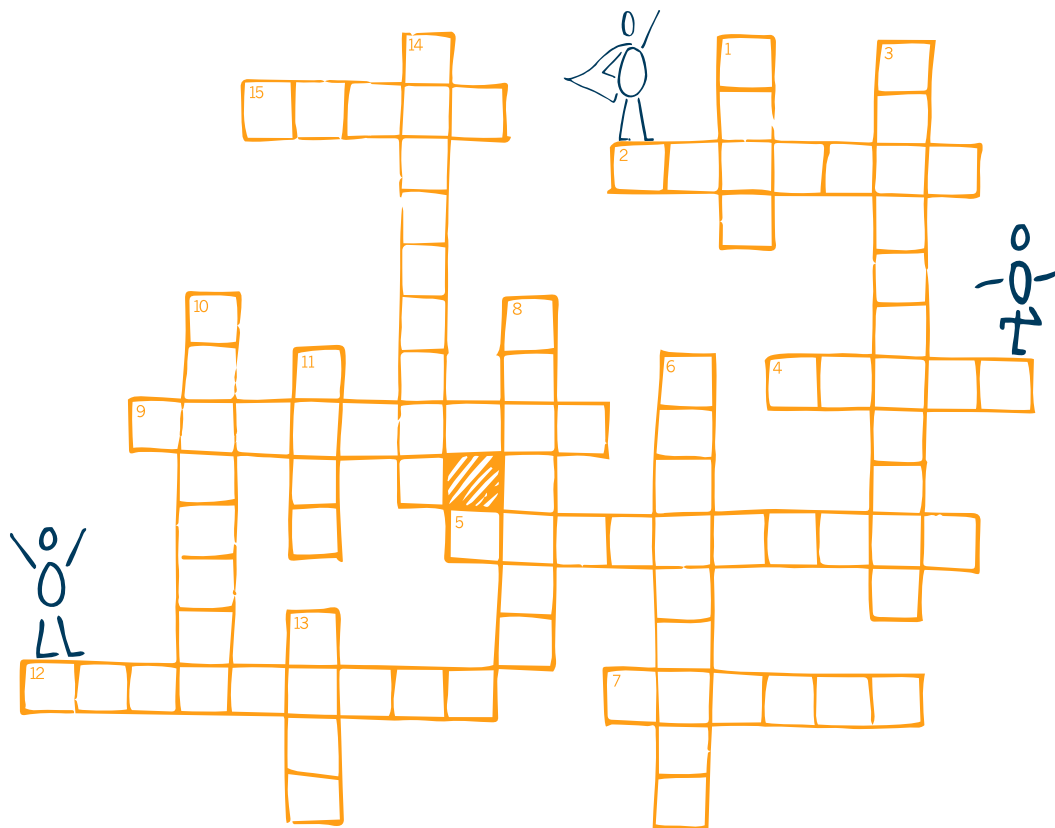
2. IN WHAT WAYS IS GOD CALLING YOU TO BE COUNTERCULTURAL LIKE THE FIRST CHRISTIANS WERE?

3. HOW PURPOSEFULLY ARE YOU LIVING YOUR LIFE? GIVE YOURSELF A SCORE BETWEEN ONE AND TEN.



THE CHURCH

CROSSWORD PUZZLE



ACROSS

2. The rich story of how our faith has been lived and passed along
4. The improper treatment of another human being
5. Liberation from sin that puts us back in right relationship with God
7. Successor of the Apostles
9. The killing of more than six million Jews and others by the Nazis during World War II
12. Of or relating to the succession of spiritual authority of the original Twelve Apostles
15. A man or woman of heroic virtue

DOWN

1. The celebration of the Eucharist
3. The act of harassing, annoying, and bullying someone because they are Christian
6. A group of people who support each other in living out their faith
8. A truth that can only be known by revelation and cannot be fully understood
10. The process of improving something
11. Set apart for a special purpose by God and for God
13. The Bishop of Rome
14. Not exclusive or elitist, but for everyone