

Small Group Ministry Session Twenty-Nine: Is Anything Sacred?

OPENING WORDS

“When is a rock not just a rock? When does it become an object which can convey communication with the sacred? Can it ever?”

When are a priest’s hands not a priest’s hands, but the hands of God? Are they ever?

When are your actions so intentional, so absolute as to become holy? Can this happen?”

--Karen Fisk

CHECK IN

Current state of physical or spiritual health

Joys or concerns about loved ones

Concerns/excitement about what is happening in our lives

REVIEW COVENANT

REVIEW PROGRESS OF THE CIRCLE

DISCUSSION

In his book *The Sacred And the Profane*, French philosopher Mircea Eliade claims that for primitive humans, the everyday acts of life were never merely physiological, they were or could be sacraments, or communions with the sacred. Further, he claims that all people, religious or not, yearn to create sacred space or objects, points from which they can view the world and/or universe and from which they can gain understanding.

1. Well, what do you think? Are there objects, ceremonies or actions that offer communion with what is sacred?

2. What does it take to make something sacred?

3. Is anything sacred?

CHECK OUT

What did you like about this meeting? What do you wish had been different?

CLOSING WORDS

“May we leave this circle of friendship refreshed. May the musings that have emerged feed our spirits and encourage our dreams. May the ideas that we’ve encountered rattle in our brains. May the laughter that’s emerged echo in our ears. May the comfort that we’ve shared continue in our hearts. May the love that has arisen sustain us in our days, and the community we’ve shared guide us on our way.”

--Calvin O. Dame