A Closer Look

GRADE 8

CHAPTER 3 Study Guide

Keep these ideas in mind as you study ***Chapter 3****.*

Following Jesus' instruction, the Apostles and Mary gathered in a room in Jerusalem to await the Spirit. For nine days, they stayed there and prayed. Then, on the Jewish feast of Pentecost, the Spirit came to them in the form of wind and tongues of fire.

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Peter told the people that they must repent to be saved. His instruction is found in Acts of the Apostles 2:38.

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The Holy Spirit united the first Christians in Jerusalem and formed them into a community of faith, one in their belief in Jesus and his teachings, in the Eucharist, in prayer, and in their love for one another.

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We are nourished by the Eucharist and bound together in a mystical communion by our belief in Jesus. This mystical communion features a diversity of members and functions.

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We continue to meet Jesus through the Church in its members and in the Eucharist. As members of the Church, we are called to be a living sacrament.

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A *herald* is a messenger sent to announce something. Jesus has sent the Church to announce the good news of his teaching. Every day, the Gospel, which means "Good News," is proclaimed at Mass as the community gathers to celebrate.

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Like any institution, the Church has laws and traditions. The *Code of Canon Law* contains rules that guide all aspects of church life.

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Jesus taught his most dramatic lesson the night before he died. At the Last Supper, he washed the feet of the Apostles, telling them to serve one another the same way.

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To be a disciple of Jesus is to follow him in all situations. As a Church, we are a community of disciples. Jesus is our one true leader, and we are united in following him.

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The family has been called the *domestic church.* The Christian home is a community of grace and prayer, a school of Christian virtues and charity.

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