

The Wired Word

The Wired Word is a discussion group that draws on topics from current events to examine, and hopefully deepen, our faith. While we have examples available to us from their website, we are not limited to those topics. Characteristics are:

- A rotating leadership – This is a discussion group, not a “class”. We don’t want to develop the one-to-many relationship typical of “taught” classes – rather a many-to-many faith community. Rotating the leadership will keep a cult of the individual developing (especially if otherwise regularly led by individuals like John DeWaters, who try to dominate the discussion!). And, rotating the leadership helps us have fresh ideas and perspectives.
- Topics that resonate with the discussion leader –Don’t limit yourself to just articles on The Wired Word website. It’s far more important to pick a topic you feel passionate about, that links your faith (or faith questions) to the world outside the Church walls. Building a community depends on sharing ourselves with each other.
- Topics that connect our faith to the world – One of the advantages of The Wired Word articles is their biblical support – and, WE get to pick the verses!
- Advance notice – We have the ability to email each month’s topic to anticipated members, and also to post it on the Church’s website. Don’t be afraid – help is available to handle the technical aspects. We want to avoid sitting around the table reading handouts as a group; rather we want to bring our thoughts ready to share. Of course, every day’s discussion should shape our response to the topic – we don’t want speeches, we want discussion!
- Broad participation – It is hoped that everyone who comes will participate. We know that some of our group prefer to listen, but the only way we will get to know each other is to speak up. The objective is not to be right – it’s to be heard, and understood, and most importantly, joined together.

Now the basics –

Before next Sunday, **Go to:**

www.thewiredword.com

click on **Log In**

use 73987706 for both the username and password

The current topic (and an alternate) comes up. Note the list of prior topics along the left hand side of the page (all this year’s topics are included here, too). They are all still available.

Pick a topic! Call me for help circulating it!

You’re ready to lead a group! We’ll go through this as an exercise this Sunday, but please, please pick something you like before then. We can talk about as many as time permits!

I don’t know what will happen if more than one of us tries to log on at the same time. If you can’t get in, try again later!

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6/19/2016 50 Die in Deadliest Mass Shooting in U.S. History

6/12/2016 Muhammad Ali, Seen by Many as "The Greatest," Dies at Age 74

6/5/2016 Massachusetts Congregation Vacates Building Nearly 12 Years After Closing Decried by Archdiocese

5/29/2016 Chair for Study of Atheism Established at University of Miami

5/22/2016 Pastors' Wives Visit a Strip Club

5/15/2016 Study Finds Nearly 90 Percent of Americans Have Prayed for Healing

5/8/2016 Bono and Eugene Peterson Team Up for Documentary on Praying the Psalms

5/1/2016 Ringling Retires All Its Elephants

4/24/2016 Archbishop of Canterbury Learns His Biological Father Was Churchill's Private Secretary

4/17/2016 Ahead at Masters, Jordan Spieth's Game Unravels Over Three-Hole Stretch

4/10/2016 Mississippi Religious Freedom Bill Becomes Law

4/3/2016 Religion Has a Positive Role in a Violent World

3/27/2016 Judge Creates and Issues 'Federal Certificate of Rehabilitation'

3/20/2016 Study Links Burnout and Depression

3/13/2016 Email Inventor Ray Tomlinson Dies at 74

3/6/2016 Max Lucado Calls for Decency in Presidential Race

2/28/2016 Kanye West: Church Kids and Others Are Watching

2/21/2016 Supreme Court Justice Scalia Leaves Legacy of Contrarian Co-existence

2/14/2016 Governments Push Back Against Religious Groups Defined as Cults

2/7/2016 10,000 Refugee Children Missing in Europe

1/31/2016 How You Smell Can Reveal State of Your Health

1/24/2016 Massive Powerball Jackpot to Be Split Between Three Winners

1/17/2016 Backstage at the Golden Globes: Sacredness, Responsibility and Looking Into the Human Soul

1/10/2016 'Affluenza' Teen Detained in Mexico; Mother Deported to U.S. and Jailed

1/3/2016 For Little Girl, Near-Deadly Flu Answered With Medicine and Prayer