

Fall Semester Timeline



Summary

Envy is discussed as the first of the seven deadly sins that we must overcome with virtue in order to bring the light of Christ to others. You can fight envy with charity and magnanimity, which sincerely wills the good for others. St. Francis is used as an example of this as he imitated Christ through the emptying of himself.

Small Group Goals

- Honestly address how each man struggles with the sin of Envy. Discuss what parts of reality are obscured by this twisted vision.
- Identify the traits of charity and magnanimity and how they counteract envy. Talk about why it's sometimes difficult to attain this virtue in everyday life.

Discussion Questions

- We talked about charity and magnanimity as the anti-envy. What are some practical ways you can bring this into your family, ministry, and professional life?
- Since envy is sorrow over another's blessings, think of a specific person in your life where this applies and go out of your way to affirm them. Next week, follow up with your group.

Supplemental Questions

- What struck you most about Gomer's presentation?
- Why is sorrow over another's good a form of hate? How can you be an example of charity in these moments?
- What part of the life of St. Francis inspires you the most and why?