

Study Session No 4 - The Language Of Love

Prepare by reading section 4 of the talk once more.

“Sexual intercourse is a body language of love” Dr Dominian uses this phrase to express the communication of mutual love by spouses. It expresses affirmation of identity, hope, reconciliation, thanksgiving and sexual identity. He also describes sexuality as a spiritual experience of two individuals with love as the third element, thus entering the very life of God in the Trinity.

Possible questions for Study No4

1. As married couples we have, through our own experience, understood the values of intercourse as the essential way of pleasing, affirming, reconciling and bringing new hope to each other. Is this strictly personal or can we communicate to others our belief in these values?
2. Jack Dominian states that there is a Spiritual dimension to sexual intercourse, and that through it “we enter the very life of God in the Trinity”. Do you think that in modern marriages there is an understanding of the Spiritual meeting the Physical in the creation of a new relationship, and perhaps a new life?
3. Dr Dominian, in talking about the current era of sexual liberation and widespread contraception, demonstrates that there is little evidence of increase in infidelity compared to the previous period. Is there any room for optimism? What lessons should we have learned? How can we present these to a culture more obsessed with material things than spiritual matters?

Aims. To see sexual intercourse as a body language. To be aware of the presence of God in physical union. To discuss today’s outlook on sex and love.

Objectives. To be aware, affirm and respond to our spouse’s messages conveyed through any physical contact. To make God the third person in our marriage at all times, particularly when physical union takes place. To understand and apply the true value of forgiveness.