



## SYNODAL U VIDEO REFLECTION GUIDE JULIAN PAPARELLA

### *Opening Reading – Luke 10:30-37*

Jesus replied, “A man fell victim to robbers as he went down from Jerusalem to Jericho. They stripped and beat him and went off leaving him half-dead. A priest happened to be going down that road, but when he saw him, he passed by on the opposite side. Likewise a Levite came to the place, and when he saw him, he passed by on the opposite side. But a Samaritan traveler who came upon him was moved with compassion at the sight. He approached the victim, poured oil and wine over his wounds and bandaged them. Then he lifted him up on his own animal, took him to an inn and cared for him. The next day he took out two silver coins and gave them to the innkeeper with the instruction, ‘Take care of him. If you spend more than what I have given you, I shall repay you on my way back.’

Which of these three, in your opinion, was neighbor to the robbers’ victim?

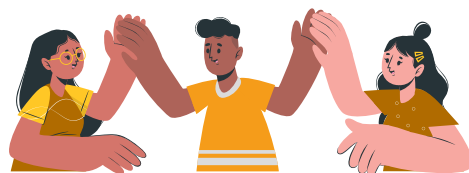
He answered, “The one who treated him with mercy.” Jesus said to him, “Go and do likewise.

### *Question for Faith Sharing and Reflection – 10 min*

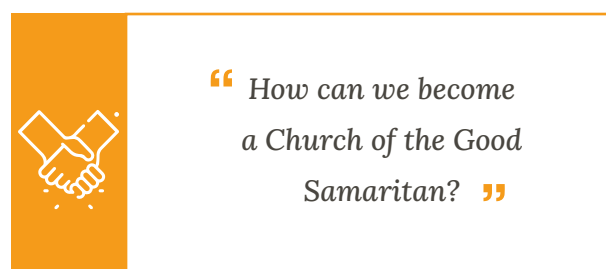
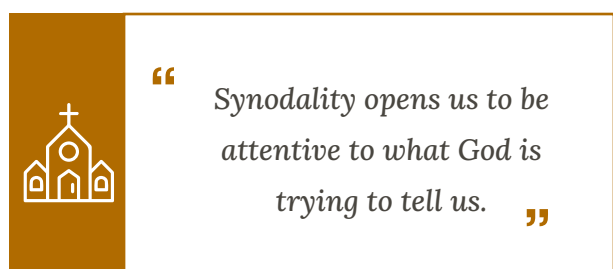
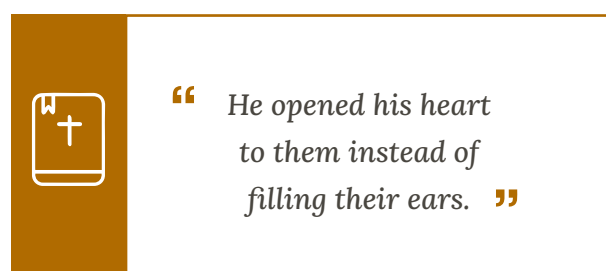
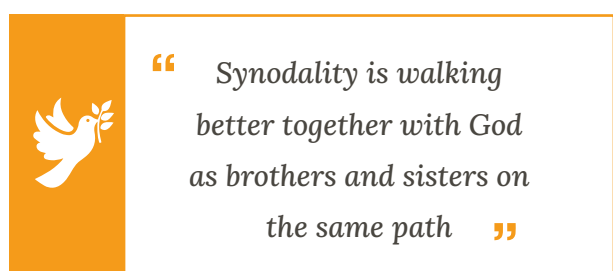
*(Participants are invited to reflect individually and then as a large group)*

After offering the Good Samaritan as a model for being neighbor, Jesus says “Go and do likewise”? How does this call inspire and challenge you? How can the Church be more and more a reflection of the Good Samaritan?

## Watch video: Julian Paparella (5:06)



### Video Quotes



What quotes or lines from the video stood out to you? Why?

## Reading from Church Teaching

### *Evangelii Gaudium* 119-120

In all the baptized, from first to last, the sanctifying power of the Spirit is at work, impelling us to evangelization. The people of God is holy thanks to this anointing, which makes it infallible in credendo. This means that it does not err in faith, even though it may not find words to explain that faith. The Spirit guides it in truth and leads it to salvation. As part of his mysterious love for humanity, God furnishes the totality of the faithful with an instinct of faith – *sensus fidei* – which helps them to discern what is truly of God. The presence of the Spirit gives Christians a certain connaturality with divine realities, and a wisdom which enables them to grasp those realities intuitively, even when they lack the wherewithal to give them precise expression.

In virtue of their baptism, all the members of the People of God have become missionary disciples. All the baptized, whatever their position in the Church or their level of instruction in the faith, are agents of evangelization, and it would be insufficient to envisage a plan of evangelization to be carried out by professionals while the rest of the faithful would simply be passive recipients. The new evangelization calls for personal involvement on the part of each of the baptized.

## **Pair Group Exercise – 30 min**

*(Participants are invited to discuss the following questions in pairs and then as a large group)*

In the video, Julian states, “Synodality is trying to open us up to be attentive to what God is trying to tell us.”

Evangelii Gaudium calls all the baptized to be personally involved in the life and mission of the Church and that the faithful have an instinct to help them discern what is truly of God. In light of this, imagine that you are leading a community of faith. The bishop has asked each faith community in the diocese to articulate the way that they believe God is calling them to act and be. As the faith leader, what method or process would you use to respond to this request?

Working in pairs articulate the method and process you would use and why.

Are there any concerns or potential pitfalls in your process?

What benefits or gifts might emerge from your process?

After 20 minutes, each pair shares their process including benefits and concerns. The larger group can offer comments or questions.

After group sharing, consider this final question together:

What topics, skills and/or practical lessons would be required to prepare future church leaders to lead faith communities in the discernment of the Spirit and communal decision-making that reflect the theological insights of Evangelii Gaudium?

