

# Catholics and Protestants: What Can We Learn From Each Other

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## Overview:

As a Catholic convert Dr. Kreeft has a keen insight into the world and faith views of both Catholics and Protestants. He seeks the truth of what Christianity is supposed to be. He sees that both the Catholics and the Protestants have things to offer each other in how they worship, live, and know Jesus Christ. Jesus' prayer in the Gospel of John is for the unity of humanity as he and The Father are one so that is his search in this book. We will go on that search for truth with him over the next two months.

## Goals:

1. Learn what unites and separates Christianity.
2. Deepen our understanding of Christianity and its common life.
3. Gaining the vocabulary needed to have effective dialogue.
4. Learning how to read a theological and philosophical book.

## Structure:

Each night will have three parts

1. Review of the guiding questions and content of the assigned reading
2. Small group discussion
3. Large group discussion

The small group discussion will be on the assigned reading. This is not a time of debate, it is a time to discuss the parts of the book that struck you, challenged you, or confused you.

The large group discussion will focus on what Fr. Brian feels is important to discuss and how we can incorporate the material into our life. Questions are welcomed so long as they are on topic.

Warning: Dr. Kreeft searches for truth and does not care about feelings. Some things in this book may offend and even challenge you. That means he is doing his job.

## Room Schedule

<u>Date:</u>	<u>Afternoon</u>	<u>Evening</u>
Feb 1	104 A&B	104 A&B
Feb 8	Chapel	Chapel
Feb 15	104 A&B	104 A&B
Feb 22	Chapel	104 A&B
Mar 1	104 A&B	104 A&B
Mar 8	Skip	Skip
Mar 15	Chapel	Chapel
Mar 22	104 A&B	104 A&B

## Schedule

### 2/1- Introduction

- In this session we will look at what started the reformation and the answer at the Council of Trent and Vatican Council II.
- Reading for next week: Introduction – Chapter 7. Pp. 9-39

### 2/8: Intro- Chapter 7

- A discussion will begin on the content of the book in the first half of the class
- Part 2 will be a small group discussion
- Part 3 will be a large group discussion
- Reading for next 2/15: Chapters 8-13 pp. 40-75

### 2/15: Chapters 8-13

- A discussion will begin on the content of the book in the first half of the class
- Part 2 will be a small group discussion
- Part 3 will be a large group discussion
- Reading for next 2/22: Chapters 14-24 pp. 75-110

### 2/22- Chapters 14-24

- A discussion will begin on the content of the book in the first half of the class
- Part 2 will be a small group discussion
- Part 3 will be a large group discussion
- Reading for next 3/1: Chapters 25-29 pp. 111-147

### 3/1. Chapters 25-29

- A discussion will begin on the content of the book in the first half of the class
- Part 2 will be a small group discussion
- Part 3 will be a large group discussion
- Reading for next 3/15: Chapters 30-31 pp. 148-184

### 3/15 Chapters 30-31

- A discussion will begin on the content of the book in the first half of the class
- Part 2 will be a small group discussion
- Part 3 will be a large group discussion
- Reading for next 3/15: Chapters 32-conclusion pp. 185-204

### 3/22 Chapters 32- Conclusion

- A discussion will begin on the content of the book in the first half of the class
- Part 2 will be a small group discussion
- Part 3 will be a large group discussion
- Reading for next 3/15: Chapters 32-conclusion pp. 185-204

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1. How did the Catholics and Protestants work out the Decree of Justification? P. 19
2. Whose language did the Catholics and Protestants use in their debates? P. 21
3. What is resourcement? P.24
4. What did you find in John 17:11 and 1 Corinthians 1: 10-13?
5. What is the math of more? P. 30
6. What do fundamentalists and modernists deny? P. 37