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New Wineskins: Forming Mission Based Communities

At times we all feel the longing to “do more” with our lives, to “be more” - to be known and challenged at deeper levels or in different ways than we experience in our parish or family; to pray together and reflect on our lives in light of Scripture and our Catholic tradition; to struggle and rejoice at life’s ups and downs with other committed Christians. *New Wineskins* is a module that is designed to explore this longing. It is for small groups that want to focus on the possibility of becoming a mission based community.

A mission based community (MBC) is a group of individuals who intentionally commit to one another; have a mission that is centered on the poor and vulnerable; pray frequently for the needs of the world and each other; and together engage in ongoing spiritual formation. JustFaith Ministries calls these four qualities “touchstones.”

New Wineskins is essentially a discernment process (6 weeks) in which participants will get glimpses of real-life “experiments” in Christian community, identify common issues and needs that communities face, and “test out” mission based community by experiencing different aspects of community. Participants will prayerfully and deliberately explore whether they feel called to commit (additional two weeks) to a mission based community as they share and reflect on their lives and the Christian mission in light of Scripture.

Through readings and Scripture reflection, as well as community potluck-and-video get-togethers, this module offers both the inspiration and the process for responding to that deep longing to be more and to do more with our lives.

Registration for the module is \$150; additional costs include a per person cost of \$64.00 for books and a per group cost of \$45.00 for videos/DVDs. For more information, contact David Horvath (david@justfaith.org) or Mary Wright (mary@justfaith.org).

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