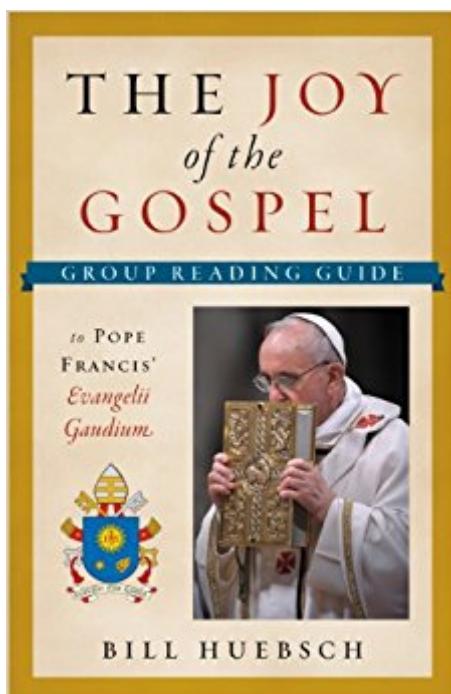


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# The Joy Of The Gospel: A Group Reading Guide To Pope Francis' *Evangelii Gaudium*



## **Synopsis**

This unique, in-plain-English study guide offers a paraphrased summary of every article in Pope Francis' latest groundbreaking document, with reflection and discussion questions for group or individual use.

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## **Customer Reviews**

Bill Huebsch is a well-known national speaker and Vatican II scholar. He is author of the Growing Faith Project, Whole Community Catechesis in Plain English, and Praying the Stations with Saint John XXIII, all available from Twenty-Third Publications.

We used this book at our parish for a summer adult education series. We had 30 - 50 people show up each week. We supplemented with exerts from the original document, but this interpretation made it easy to understand for everyone. I recommend this book for parish studies.

Three of us are reading and discussing "Evangelii Gaudium" with the help of the Guide. The Guide gives us a succinct and accurate summary of each paragraph and suggested discussion questions that we find very helpful in relating the message to our lives. .

A must read for Christians and anyone who wants to know what the joyful Message of Christ is. This is a short summary of the longer exhortation of the Pope's JOY OF THE GOSPEL. The Church is moving forward and rallying for Christ's message of caring and sharing for a better and kinder world

where all peoples are treated with dignity and equality of opportunities. The message is simple but the reality of living it is challenging for all. It is refreshing that the clergy and not only the laity are called to try a little harder. Social and economic equalities give us all a chance at true peace. We are all in the same boat - longing for security and happiness. We used this short booklet in our summer reading group. It gave us an insight into our Pope and his vision as taught by Christ 2,000 years ago and pursued by all who are serious about finding joy and fulfillment in this world.

Must read for anyone interested in His/Her fellow man. This is the message of Love Jesus spoke about , the agape love. The book has humanity at the forefront of how to live our lives in a world where "what is best for me" or "if it feels good , just do it" or "looking out for number 1". Of course it has religious overtones, but this is truly a handbook for anyone who can see or needs to see the injustice mankind can impose on mankind, anywhere from persecution to just plain indifference... if you can't buy this book ( very well put together) look for this encyclical online a read some each night .

Our group reading will begin this Thursday, Nov. 13, using this guide. This book (with numbered paragraph references to the 'Joy of the Gospel Evangelli Gaudum), gives a concise, thoughtful, and heartfelt insight of the full text of Francis'.

I read this book recently and suggested that our book discussion group use it when we are finished with our current book. It was accepted by the group and we are looking forward to using it soon. I feel that everyone will be very pleased with the selection. We have used other selections of Pope Francis and I'm sure the Pope's instructions on the Gospel will be of great interest to the group.

The Joy of the Gospel is the book chosen for my Ignatian volunteer group. It is excellent. To facilitate the group discussion I bought both reading guides and find Norbert Bufka's very helpful. The group had been using a reading guide generated by our parent organization and find Bufka's more to their liking.

Just what I was looking for...Provides good, clear reflection questions to accompany Pope Francis' Document "The Joy of the Gospel". Great for individual or group reflection/discussion. Highly recommended.

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