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Hearts Burning Within Us

Answers to Burning Questions by Catholic College Students

Book Synopsis

Over two thousand years ago two disillusioned disciples walked along a dusty road to Emmaus. They had just witnessed Jesus, their friend and leader whom they hoped to be the messiah suffer a gruesome death by crucifixion. Doubt, fear and uncertainty clouded their conversation

as they journeyed home questioning the future, until something miraculous happened...the risen Jesus appeared and answered their questions.

Today, many young Catholics step onto college campuses with numerous questions about their faith yearning to know if the seed of faith given to them as a child is both true and practical.

Using the miracle on the road to Emmaus as a model, young adult ministers conversed weekly for three months with college students about the most pressing questions they had about the Catholic faith. As they journeyed together (virtually) something amazing happened...doubts disappeared, fears faded, and Jesus revealed that He is still alive.

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Hearts Burning Within Us is a result of that grace-infused conversation, and we pray that as you read these pages the Holy Spirit will set your heart aflame like the disciples on the road to Emmaus.

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Hearts Burning Within Us Review

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If you are familiar with my writing then you know how much I enjoy a good book. I have collected quite the library that ranging from scholarly theological works to daily devotionals. However, *Hearts Burning Within Us* is unique as there is nothing like it that I have read. It is an important book for our time that answers questions that real college students have about the faith.

The Hearts Burning Within Us Concept

Bill Snyder, the founder of Patchwork Heart Ministry and one of the authors, thought of the concept of a question and answer book some time ago. He wrote the intro and as things picked up with his ministry it was put on the shelf for a later time.

In 2020 the COVID-19 pandemic hit and it presented some never before seen challenges in our society. Bill decided it was time to get this book out. He teamed up with three other authors Anne DeSantis, Magdalene Riggins, and Jennifer Southerton.

The four authors regularly met with five real college students via Zoom to have real conversations about questions that these college students had and would hear around campus.

Real Questions And Real Answers

The questions are real, relevant, the answers real, and not superficial. They are answered with clarity and in a way easily understood. Some of the questions asked and answered include questions about scripture interpretation, the problem of evil, LGBTQ issues, underage drinking, and hypocrisy in the church.

As I have said, the questions are real and the authors do a great job in charitably answering these questions without watering down or compromising church teaching. Though the questions are from college students, these are also questions that those in high school have as well.

Is Hearts Burning Within Us Recommended?

The book is broken down into 42 short chapters that answer 42 unique questions. Coming in at 109 pages it is a quick read for the college student in your life. It is also a good refresher for anyone who is serious about answering questions about how the faith interacts with the popular issues of the day.

I highly recommend this book for your Catholic student and as a refresher for anyone serious about learning the faith.