Week 4 : Imitate Christ, Christian Mens Breakfast

The Christian Mens Breakfast group meets this Saturday and (almost) every other Saturday at a local restaurant in Davie, FL. Call Tom Truex, or use the CONTACT tab at K-Line.ORG to get more information.

Week 4 : our discussion will focus on the Chapters listed below, from *The Imitation of Christ,* by Thomas à Kempis.[1. The dates listed are the dates the chapters were posted online, which also corresponds to the suggested reading plan in the study guide.]

All items listed below are online at ImitateChrist.ORG:

1. Book 1 , Chapter 8 : Shunning Over-Familiarity (January 23, 2012)
2. Book 1 , Chapter 9 : Obedience and Subjection (January 25, 2012)
3. Book 1 , Chapter 10 : Avoiding Idle Talk (January 26, 2012)

Also Posted this Week at ImitateChrist.ORG:

1. Challoner's Reflections[2. Right Rev. R. Challoner, D.D., V.A., Imitation of Christ, Dublin: McGlashan and Gill, 1873] on *The Imitation of Christ* for each of the above chapters.

Discussion Notes:[1. References to days are from the *Imitate Christ* Study Guide]

1. Kempis cautions us about the nature of the friendships we make. Are we correct in concluding that it is neither possible nor desirable to be everyone's best friend? (Days 22 and 23; Book 1, Chapter 8)
2. What did Kempis mean when he wrote, "It a very great

thing to obey, to live under a superior and not to be one’s own master, for it is much safer to be subject than it is to command?” (Day 25; Book 1, Chapter 9)

3. Kempis correctly advises to avoid gossip. How do we distinguish between gossip, polite conversation and edifying discussion? (Day 26; Book 1, Chapter 10)
4. God created humans to live in a society. When and why is solitude desirable? (Day 27)

Footnotes: