Week 46 : Imitate Christ, Christian Mens Breakfast

Week 46 Discussion Notes:[1. References to days are from the *Imitate Christ* Study Guide]

IMPORTANT NOTE: Our goal in this lesson is not to convince others of the correctness of our personal view or denomination; but to understand what the different views on some aspects of Holy Communion are.

1. Christians have spent centuries in arguing about their DIFFERENT beliefs in how (if) Christ is present at Holy Communion. What are some SIMILARITIES in what Christians generally believe about Christ's presense at the Eucharist? (Day 307 & 316)
2. Chapter 4 speaks of the blessings of one who receives communion worthily. How does one receive communion worthily? (Day 317 & 318)
3. Kempis wrote in INSTRUCTIONS FOR RELIGIOUS, "Don't be concerned about other people's business, beyond what is necessary to provide for your neighbors' material needs in charity; or to testify to them as to the glory of God." Is this an "unfriendly" attitute for our relationships with other people?
4. In chapter 5, Kempis wrote that only the priests have the authority to lead the Eucharist. What are the points for and against permitting only clergy to administer Holy Communion? (Days 320 and 321)

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.

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 4 , Chapter 4 : Many Blessings Are Given Those Who Receive Communion Worthily (November 13, 2012)
2. Book 4 , Chapter 5 : The Dignity of the Sacrament and of the Priesthood (November 16, 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.

Footnotes: