

## **Compassion and Kinship**

Fr Gregory Boyle SJ

**You are invited to create community online as we gather to share and grow faith.**

### **How to Prepare and Run a Session:**

Read *Saturday Sessions 'How To' Guide* for information how to host a Saturday Session.

### **Presentation:**

Fr Greg Boyle SJ

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2012 (Video approx: 20 mins)

Watch the video at: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ipR0kWt1Fkc>

### **About the Presenter:**

Father Gregory Boyle, founder and executive director of Homeboy Industries, is an acknowledged expert on gangs, intervention and re-entry and today serves on the U.S. Attorney General's Defending Childhood Task Force.

Homeboy Industries traces its roots to "Jobs For A Future" (JFF), created in 1988 by Boyle at Dolores Mission. To address the escalating problems of gang-involved youth, he and the community developed an elementary school, day care program and sought legitimate employment for young people.

Homeboy Industries, now located in the heart of downtown Los Angeles, is recognized as a national and international model for youth seeking to move beyond gangs and achieve a life of hope.

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## Questions to Ponder:

1. What struck you most about Fr Greg's presentation?
2. "Anybody just wants some attention". Who is this for you?
3. Have you had experience with a community of kinship – particularly with people whom you wouldn't normally associate with?
4. What does Fr Greg's talk teach us about relationship and kinship?
5. "The us and them" – how do we stand against the idea?
6. Which stories from Fr Greg resonated with you, or sparked something in you and why?
7. How would you define compassion? What does a compassionate community look like?
8. Whilst compassion and kinship are the key to Fr Greg's talk, what other virtues or qualities are evident in Fr Greg's approach?

## Further Support:

If you would like further support to bring to life a Saturday Session, or Wednesday Wisdom or Tuesday Thinktank (the name can be changed), please contact Lisa at the Pastoral Planning Office at [lisa.bright@parracatholic.org](mailto:lisa.bright@parracatholic.org)

For information about Zoom please contact the Pastoral Planning Office or you can watch a Zoom tutorial at <https://support.zoom.us/hc/en-us/articles/201362033-Getting-Started-on-Windows-and-Mac>

The Pastoral Planning Office thanks you for your enduring faith, hope, love and commitment as we venture into the deep. We pray that you experience the peace and grace that our God offers and can be an ambassador of Christ's hope and peace to those you encounter and accompany.

Please contact the Pastoral Planning Office for support in all areas of pastoral ministry.

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