

Dismissal Catechesis – Outline

BREAKING OPEN OF THE WORD SESSION GENERAL OUTLINE

Step 1: After the Homily, the priest celebrant picks up the Lectionary and invites the catechumens to come forward with the dismissal catechist (facilitator). The priest celebrant then dismisses the catechumens and catechist with appropriate words.

Step 2: All process to where the dismissal catechesis session will take place.

Step 3: Upon reaching the place where the dismissal catechesis will take place, the following is done:

1. Simple prayer is offered to refocus the group.
2. Some or all of the Sunday Mass Lectionary readings are proclaimed again...
3. Reflection questions are offered one at a time, giving each catechumen a chance to respond:
 - a. **What did you hear in these readings? Why?**
 - b. **How can you respond in your personal life?**

 - c. **Additional questions** based on a particular theme that you might want to focus on may be given.

The dismissal catechist:

- hears the reflective responses of each catechumen to the questions offered
- makes sure no one catechumen manipulates the faith sharing experience
- responds to the questions as well
- offers any necessary commentary/ clarification - that is appropriate

Note.. that this is NOT a bible class nor a theology class....

.. it is a prayerful faith sharing experience.

Any semblance of a catechetical session should be avoided.