

Study Guide for Chapters 19-21

Screwtape Letters Book Study | St. Peter & St. Martin of Tours Parishes

Lesson

At the beginning of the session, we will consider the purpose and necessity of divine revelation in the Catholic Church. A recording of this presentation will be available on the St. Peter Catholic Parish YouTube Channel and at www.ashtoncatholic.org/screwtape

Chapter 19 – Love as a Mystery

- 1) Screwtape writes about the ‘contradiction’ that he sees inherent in love. Why does he see love as impossible or irrational?

- 2) How would you refute or correct Screwtape’s idea of love, or how does God respond to Hell’s view of love?

Chapter 20 – Marriage and the Bride

- 1) What is the misdirection about attraction between men and women that Screwtape mentions? Do you think this has changed since the sexual revolution (the book was written in 1959)?

2) What qualities does he rightly point out as the values most to be sought in a spouse, especially a wife?

3) What are the two types of women one can desire to marry or at least be attracted to? What is the general temptation in seeking a spouse and how can it be avoided?

Chapter 21 – Possession and Anger

1) How does Screwtape advise using the temptation to possess our time, material goods, etc? What other vices does he want to stir us into?

2) How can this sense of possession directly affect our relationship with God?