****The Life and Faith of Martin Luther**

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**Chapter XI: The Schoolman**

Even though Luther had given the people a Bible in their own language, what challenge remained for many to read and know the Word of God? What did Luther do to try and change this? 70-72

Even though most kids know how to read and write, what is still true of most children, adults and even many preachers throughout our country today?

*On top of reforming Christian education for all levels, Luther set out to reform the church service to teach true doctrine.* What needed to be changed about the celebration of the Mass, or Communion? 73

Why did Luther add emphasis to the sermon part of the service? What is a sermon for?

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*“After theology I give the highest honor to music. I would not trade what little I know about music for anything. Next to the Word of God music is the queen of my heart.” 75*

What do you think of music? What is it capable of doing?

*“The songs of Luther have seduced more souls from the Catholic Church than his teaching and preaching.”*

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*“Here, rest I, Luther’s daughter, Magdalene With all the saints, upon my bed, serene.*

*Although by nature born in sin And lost in death I would have been,*

*Henceforth I love and have the highest good, Eternal life, through Jesus’ precious blood.*

It has often been said that there is nothing harder than burying your own child. How does this beautiful epitaph show the power and comfort that faith in Jesus brings even in this darkest of circumstances?

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From October 31, 1517 to the year 1530, much had happened not just in Germany but across the Western world. The emperor, Charles V, didn’t much like the development. He was still determined to reign in the deviants and again have one church, The Roman Catholic Church, throughout his kingdom no matter what it took. He first attempted to do this peacefully by calling a diet between the Catholics and the Lutherans.

Why was this such an important moment for the Lutheran theologians, princes, and people?

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**XV: The Death of the Faithful Believer**

What showed at the end of Luther’s life about why he wrote, preached, and stood firm?

**XVI: Our Heritage**

What then is our Reformation heritage? What did God give us through this man, Martin Luther?

**The End. Final thoughts:**

What did you like about this book?

What did you not like about this book?

What questions are you left with?

Do you have any suggestions of books or topics for our next session of Book Club?

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*“Into your hands I commit my spirit. You have redeemed me, O God of truth. O my heavenly Father, I thank you that you have given me your Son Jesus Christ, in whom I believe, whom I have preached and confessed, loved and praised, whom the wicked pope and the godless shame, persecute, and blaspheme. I pray you, dear Lord Jesus Christ, let me commend my soul to you. I am certain that I shall be with you forever and that no one can ever tear me out of your hands. Father, into your hands I commend my spirit. You have redeemed me. Amen.”*

*-Luther before his death.*