

Fabretto A Legacy of Love

BIBLE STUDY GUIDE



INTRODUCTION

- **“Fabretto: A Legacy of Love”** is a heartwarming documentary that details the life and enduring impact of Padre Fabretto, a priest whose unwavering faith and dedication to service transcended borders. The film takes viewers on a journey through Padre Fabretto’s inspiring life of service, bringing hope and change to underprivileged children and communities in Nicaragua. Through personal stories and interviews the documentary reveals how Padre Fabretto’s boundless love, faith, and selflessness continue to shape lives, foster hope, and inspire change to this day.
- As part of this study we will be discussing the following themes inspired by the film and to gain a better understanding of Padre Fabretto’s mission: Education and Empowerment, Building Community and Resilience, Overcoming Challenges with Faith, Dignity and Social Justice, Faith as a Guiding Light
- Explain the purpose of the study guide in fostering deeper discussions and reflections.
- Watch the film!

CENTRAL THEMES

Education and Empowerment:

- Discuss Padre Fabretto’s views on education as a means of empowerment for individuals and communities.
- Reflect on the challenges and opportunities of providing education in underprivileged areas.
- *Connect with Scripture:* Explore Bible verses that emphasize the value of knowledge and wisdom.
 - Proverbs 1:5
 - Proverbs 16:16



Saint John Bosco

- Saint John Bosco, also known as Don Bosco, was an Italian Catholic priest born in 1815 with a profound vision to help troubled and disadvantaged youth. He dedicated his life to their education and well-being, leaving an enduring legacy that continues to benefit young people around the world.
- Central to Don Bosco's approach was the innovative "Preventive System." This system emphasized kindness, reason, and religion, with a focus on building personal relationships, fostering self-esteem, and diverting young people from criminal paths.
- The Preventive System offered a holistic approach to education, combining religious instruction, academics, and practical skills training, ensuring young people were prepared for a successful and ethical life. By recognizing the inherent dignity and potential of each individual, Don Bosco's approach instilled confidence in their abilities and future prospects. His enduring legacy lives on through the Salesian Order, which continues to apply these principles to empower and support young people around the world.
- Padre Fabretto drew a lot of inspiration from Don Bosco's life and work. What values of the Preventative System did Padre Fabretto employ in his life's work and how have they left a lasting impact?

Building Community and Resilience:

- Examine how Padre Fabretto's work focused on building strong and resilient communities.
- Discuss the importance of community support in overcoming adversity.
- *Connect with Scripture:* Look at passages that discuss the role of the church and community in supporting one another.
 - Romans 12:4-5
 - 1 Corinthians 12:12-27

Overcoming Challenges with Faith:

- Explore the challenges and obstacles faced by Padre Fabretto and how his faith influenced his response.
- Discuss the relationship between faith, hope, and perseverance in difficult circumstances.
- *Connect with Scripture:* Study verses that highlight the connection between faith, endurance, and character.
 - Romans 5:3-4
 - Hebrews 11:1
 - James 1:2-4

Dignity and Social Justice:

- Reflect on Padre Fabretto's commitment to upholding the dignity of every individual.
- Discuss the ways in which the film portrays his advocacy for social justice.
- *Connect with Scripture:* Explore Bible passages that discuss treating all people with fairness and dignity.
 - Micah 6:8
 - Galatians 3:28

Faith as a Guiding Light:

- Examine how Padre Fabretto's faith guided his life's mission and service.
- Discuss the role of faith in driving positive change and humanitarian efforts.
- *Connect with Scripture:* Look at passages that illustrate the impact of faith in action.
 - Matthew 17:20
 - James 2:14-17

Group discussion questions

- How does Padre Fabretto's story inspire you in your own journey of faith and service?
- What parallels can you draw between Padre Fabretto's educational mission and biblical teachings?
- In what ways can communities come together to support education and empowerment, both locally and globally?
- How can faith be a source of strength and resilience in the face of challenges, as seen in Padre Fabretto's life?
- What practical steps can individuals take to uphold the dignity and rights of every person in their communities?

Reflection and application

- Encourage participants to reflect individually on a specific theme that resonated with them.
- Prompt them to consider how they can apply the lessons from the film and the study guide in their own lives and communities.

Conclusion

- Summarize the key takeaways from the study guide.
- Invite participants to share their insights and reflections from the film and the study guide.
- Encourage participants to visit Fabretto.org to learn more about how Padre Fabretto's legacy lives on today and to get involved!