

## **EN - Suggestions of Biblical texts for reflecting on the 15 questions of the IL worksheets**

### **For B 1. A communion that radiates: How can we be more fully a sign and instrument of union with God and of the unity of all humanity?**

B 1.1 How does the service of charity and commitment to justice and care for our common home nourish communion in a synodal Church?

- Amos 6:1-7 Heeding to the third woe against the Authorities
- Luke 6:17-26 Implementing the Beatitudes
- Luke 4:14-21 Following Jesus' Mission
- Luke 1:47-52 Mary's Song of praise
- Matthew 25:31-46 The judgment of the nations
- Matthew 6:25-34 Do not worry but trust in God
- Matthew 16:1-4 Call to read the sign of the times

B 1.2 How can a synodal Church make credible the promise that "love and truth will meet" (Ps 85:11)?

- 1 Kings 21:1-29 Resisting the temptation of power abuse as in Naboth's Vineyard
- Psalm 85 (84)
- John 4:1-28 Jesus and the woman of Samaria
- Luke 7:36-50 A sinful woman forgiven
- Luke 15:1-7 The parable of the lost sheep
- Luke 13:6-9 The Parable of the Barren Fig Tree
- Matthew 18:5-7 Search for True Greatness
- Romans 12:14-21 Marks of the True Christian
- 1 John 2:1-11 Christ Our Advocate

B 1.3 How can a dynamic relationship of gift exchange between the Churches grow?

- Isaiah 19:16-25 Oracle on Egypt
- Acts 2:1-13 The coming of the Holy Spirit
- 1 Corinthians 12:1-11 Spiritual gifts
- 1 Corinthians 12:12-31 One body with many members
- 2 Corinthians 9:1-15 The collection for Christians at Jerusalem
- Ephesians 4:16 Unity in the Body of Christ
- Revelation 1:9-15 Vision of Christ

B 1.4 How can a synodal Church fulfil its mission through a renewed ecumenical commitment?

- Ezekiel 37:15-28 The Two Sticks
- Psalm 122 (121) Song of Praise and Prayer for Jerusalem
- John 17:20-25 Jesus prays for his disciples
- 1 Corinthians 1:10-15 Divisions in the Church
- Revelation 21:9-26 Vision of the New Jerusalem

B 1.5 How can we recognise and gather the richness of cultures and develop dialogue amongst religions in the light of the Gospel?

- Ezekiel 11:14-25 Restoration for the Exiles
- Matthew 15:21-28 The Canaanite Woman's faith
- Acts 10 Peter and Cornelius
- Mark 4:1-9 The Parable of the Sower
- Luke 10:25-37 The Parable of the Good Samaritan
- Matthew 28:18-20 The Commissioning of the Disciples

## **For B 2. Co-responsibility in Mission: How can we better share gifts and tasks in the service of the Gospel?**

B 2.1 How can we walk together towards a shared awareness of the meaning and content of mission?

- Isaiah 6:1-13 The Sending of Isaiah
- 1 Peter 3:8-22 Do account for the hope that is in you
- Luke 10:1-24 The Sending in Pairs of the Disciples
- Luke 24:13-49 The walk to Emmaus
- Acts 3:1-26 Peter heals a Crippled Beggar
- Mark 4:33-34 The Use of Parables
- Acts 8:26-29 Philip and the Ethiopian Eunuch

B 2.2 What should be done so a synodal Church is also an ‘all ministerial’ missionary Church?

- Numbers 11:16-30 The Seventy Elders
- Matthew 28:16-20 The commissioning of the Disciples
- Mark 16:14-17 Jesus commissions the disciples
- John 6:1-15 Feeding the Five Thousand
- Acts 6:1-7 Seven Chosen to serve

B 2.3 How can the Church of our time better fulfil its mission through greater recognition and promotion of the baptismal dignity of women?

- Ruth 1:1-18 Ruth’s Choice
- John 20:11-18 Jesus appears to Mary Magdalene
- Matthew 28:1-10 The Resurrection of Jesus
- Matthew 26:6-13 The anointing of Bethany
- Luke 23:55-56 Women’s faithfulness
- Romans 16:1-16 Saint Paul’s recognition of women
- John 11:17-27 Jesus the Resurrection and the Life

B 2.4 How can we properly value ordained Ministry in its relationship with baptismal Ministries in a missionary perspective?

- 2 Samuel 7:1-17 The Oracle of Nathan
- Mark 6:7-13 The mission of the twelve
- 1 Corinthians 12:22-31 One body with many members
- Ephesians 4:1-16 Unity in the Body of Christ
- 1 Timothy 4:6-16 A good minister of Jesus Christ
- Luke 5:1-11 Jesus Calls the First Disciples
- Hebrews 5:1-10 Jesus the Great High Priest

B 2.5 How can we renew and promote the Bishop’s ministry from a missionary synodal perspective?

- 1 Kings 3:5,7-12 Solomon’s Request
- Mark 10:35-45 Jesus’ answer to James’s and John’s request
- John 21 Jesus and Peter
- John 20:1-10 The resurrection of Jesus
- Matthew 18:15-20 “Whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven”
- Acts 2:46-47 Life among the Believers

### **For B 3. Participation, governance and authority: What processes, structures and institutions in a missionary synodal Church?**

Para B 3.1 How can we renew the service of authority and the exercise of responsibility in a missionary synodal Church?

- Sirach 32:1-4 Wisdom Appeal to the Presider
- Wisdom 8:2-16 Wisdom, the Source of Blessings
- John 13:1-20 Jesus washes the Disciples' feet
- Philomen 2:1-11 Imitating Christ's humility
- Luke 22:24-28 The dispute about greatness
- John 3:22-36 Jesus and John the Baptist
- Mark 10:35-45 The Request of James and John

B 3.2 How can we develop discernment practices and decision-making processes in an authentically synodal manner, that respects the protagonism of the Spirit?

- Nehemiah 8:1-18 Ezra Reads the Law
- Acts 15 The Council of Jerusalem
- John 16:4-15 The Work of the Spirit
- Philippians 1:3-30 Paul's prayer for the Philippians
- Galatians 5:16-25 The fruits of the Spirit
- Galatians 2:11-14 Peter's Inconsistency at Antioch
- Ephesians 5:8-20 The Discernment

B 3.3. What structures can be developed to strengthen a missionary synodal Church?

- Galatians 2:1-10 Paul and the other Apostles
- Romans 12:1-8 The New Life in Christ
- Colossians 1:15-23 The supremacy of Christ
- Matthew 4:18-22 Jesus calls the first disciples
- John 2:18-22 Jesus Cleanses the Temple
- Mark 12:13-17 The Question about Paying Taxes

B 3.4 How can we give structure to instances of synodality and collegiality that involve groupings of local Churches?

- Revelation 2:1-7 The message to Ephesus
- Revelation 2:8-17 The message to Smyrna and Perganum
- Revelation 2:18-3:6 The message to Thyatira and Sardis
- Revelation 3:7-22 The message to Philadelphia and Laodicea
- Acts 15 The Synod at Jerusalem

B 3.5 How can the institution of the Synod be strengthened so that it is an expression of episcopal collegiality within an all-synodal Church?

- Matthew 16:13-20 Peter's declaration about Jesus
- John 15:1-17 Jesus the True wine
- 1 John 1:1-4 The Word of Life
- Luke 5:1-11 Jesus calls Simon
- 1 Corinthians 1:4-16 Divisions in the Church