



***Saint Francis of Assisi* by G. K. Chesterton**  
**Reading Group Discussion Guide**

**Use the following questions as guides to deeper individual understanding of the biography or for group discussion.**

- 1. What made you want to read this book? What about others in your group? Has the book lived up to your expectations?**
- 2. What do you know about Saint Francis now that you didn't know before you read the book? Has reading this book made you think about saints or your own Catholic faith in a new or different way? Why or why not?**
- 3. Discuss misconceptions, or even myths, concerning the life of Saint Francis. Why do you think Saint Francis is the most popular/beloved saint in the Church?**
- 4. What have you learned about the Middle Ages - the era that Saint Francis lived in – through reading this book? Compare and discuss the presentation of the life of the Church in Saint Francis' time with the life of the Church today.**
- 5. Saint Francis has sometimes been called the saint who most closely followed in the footsteps of the Lord. What do you think of this idea after having read this book?**
- 6. The author is considered to be one of the great Catholic writers and apologists of the modern era. Shortly after his conversion, he wrote this book. Discuss why he may have chosen this subject so early on in his life as a Catholic.**
- 7. Saint Francis' legacy continues to live on in the Church, in the renewal movement and in Franciscan spirituality. Discuss the saint's lasting impact on the Church.**
- 8. Are you glad you read this book? What about others in your group? Would you recommend others read this work? Why or why not?**

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