

XI. ICONS

DISCUSSION GUIDE FOR SESSION 11



Therefore encourage one another and build up each other, as indeed you are doing.

1 Thessalonians 5.11 (NRSV)

1. Crossan identifies five scenes in early Eastern Christianity with profound yet subtle theological themes that have essentially been lost to Western Christianity. Discuss.

a. The Sulking Joseph

b. Baptism

c. Resurrection

d. *Deesis*

e. *Pantocrator*

2. Insofar as these themes contrast with their equivalents in Western Christianity, what is their significance for Christianity today?

3. Where do you see this information influencing your spirituality? The church? The world?