

*Study and Discussion Questions*  
*For*  
*Pastoral Constitutions on the Church in the Modern World (Gaudium et Spes)*

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**Part Two** Chapters I and II

GS – Gaudium et Spes

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**Ch. I “The Dignity of Marriage and the Family”**

- What issues of special urgency did the Council see for marriage and the family? (47-52)
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
- What role does the Divine Law have within marriage? (50-51)
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
- Explain how the family constitutes the basis of society. (52)
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
- How do you see the family in today’s world different from that of even the time of Vatican II? What can be done to strengthen the family in our society today?

## **Ch. II “Proper Development of Culture”**

- How can man work in the fields of philosophy, history, mathematics, science, and the arts and still contribute to bringing the human race to a higher understanding of truth, goodness, and beauty in our world today? (57)
  
- What is our personal responsibility to help and defend those who suffer from cultural destitution? (57)(60)
  
- How can we as Catholics bring harmony into our culture today? How can we evangelize our culture today? (62-63)