Seeking and Discerning God's Presence:

Read _SHOWINGS_: pp. 248-265. In prayer we live out a love relationship with God. More important than the time we put in is growth in intimacy with God.

In Julian's view what aspects of prayer lead to intimacy with God? What kinds of prayer does she describe? What does she actually think the goal of prayer is? What stance does Julian take on sin and judgment (human judgment vs God's judgment)?

Julian's Visions Teach Mystical Union:

Read _SHOWINGS_: pp. 288-305. Julian's theology of the motherhood of God is worked out in terms of the three persons of the Trinity. All of this concerns how not only through prayer, but through all the vicissitudes of life, God works to make Christians one with his very being.

How does Julian describe the process of God's uniting us to God's Self through the agency of Jesus Christ, the Second Person of the Trinity, God who is Mother? What roles do our "sensuality" and our "substance" play in all this? What are sensuality and substance according to Julian? In the context of this process of becoming one with God, what does the fact of our "falling" teach us? (p. 300)

Faithfulness Grows through Well-being and Woe:

Read _SHOWINGS_: pp. 203-205. "Well-being" and "woe" are Julian's terms for what the tradition later would call "consolation" and "desolation."

Why are both of these integral to spiritual growth? How are we to behave in "well-being?" In "woe?"

Julian's Parable of Falleness and Redemption:

Read _SHOWINGS_: pp. 265-284. Julian has been called a heretic for her teaching on sin. But actually, her view is consonant with that of St. Paul (from which it is derived).

What does the parable of the Lord and his Servant teach regarding human falleness and
God's love? What do Julian's images stand for and how does she use allegorical interpretation to demonstrate her point about love?

**Julian on Creation, on the Human Body, on the Relationship between “Inner and Outer” Experience:**

Throughout *SHOWINGS*, she refers to these. How does she understand them?