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MEDITATION 17

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Reading Check

Directions: Think about the excerpt from Meditation 17 and its meaning. Then answer each question in one or two sentences.

1. At the beginning of the excerpt from Donne's "Meditation 17," what does Donne mean when he says the church is "Catholic"?

2. According to Donne, for whom *does* the bell toll?

3. Donne also mentions the ringing of a bell in a sense other than for the dying. Explain?

4. Donne says that humankind is like a book. According to Donne, what happens to the book when a person dies?

5. Describe another metaphor Donne uses to show the unity of human life.
