

STAFF DISCUSSION JOURNAL

Going Deeper

PART 1

Scripture Reflection

As a staff, take a few moments to sit in total silence. Silence is a rare commodity and central to how God speaks with us.

After some time in silence, have one person read from 1 Peter 1 3:6

Now, take a few moments in silence and then read it one more time.

Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ!
In his great mercy he has given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, 4 and into an inheritance that can never perish, spoil or fade.

This inheritance is kept in heaven for you, 5 who through faith are shielded by God's power until the coming of the salvation that is ready to be revealed in the last time. 6 In all this you greatly rejoice, though now for a little while you may have had to suffer grief in all kinds of trials.



"We must meditate before, during and after everything we do. This is the way we can easily overcome the countless difficulties we have to face day after day, which, after all, are part of our work. In meditation we find the strength to bring Christ to birth in ourselves and in other men."

St. Charles Borromeo

Questions For Group Discussion:

Share your thoughts on this question with the members of a small group:

1. How do you manage to balance the hope described in this passage with the trials and difficulties that you face each day? How 'real' is hoping in Jesus for you? Does he feel like a part of each day or does the passage seem abstract to you?

2. Share an experience with your group about how your hope in a student turned out to be fulfilled.

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PART 2

Take a moment to read aloud the following quote:

The Church puts its trust in them entrusting them with the task of gradually bringing about an integration of temporal reality with the Gospel, so that the Gospel can thus reach into the lives of all men and women. More particularly, it has entrusted them with the integral human formation and the faith education of young people. These young people are the ones who will determine whether the world of tomorrow is more closely or more loosely bound to Christ.

Lay Catholics In Schools n.79

How effective is your school in closing the gap between the world and the Gospel in the lives of your students? What are some practical examples?

STAFF PRAYER

Dear Lord,

We pray this week for a restoration of hope in our lives and in our vocations.

Help us to see that we are playing our part in the bigger picture known only to you.

Help us to close the gap in some small way today between the values in your Gospel and a world that cries out for hope

In your name we pray, Amen.



"In God alone is there primordial and true delight, and in all our delights it is this delight that we are seeking."

St. Bonaventure