

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.

Slowly read aloud this passage from Joshua Chapter 24

“Now fear the Lord and serve him with all faithfulness. Throw away the gods your ancestors worshiped beyond the Euphrates River and in Egypt, and serve the Lord. 15 But if serving the Lord seems undesirable to you, then choose for yourselves this day whom you will serve, whether the gods your ancestors served beyond the Euphrates, or the gods of the Amorites, in whose land you are living. But as for me and my household, we will serve the Lord.”



“You go to pray; to become a bonfire, a living flame, giving light and heat.”

St. Jose Maria Escriva

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

Questions For Group Discussion:

In modern life it seems possible to worship many sorts of Gods from sports to shopping. What are some of the main forms of worship that you see young people giving themselves to? What seems to most powerfully gain their attention and desire?

How effective are you as a school community in presenting a different view?
How effective is your school at presenting a more expansive view of the human person and their ability to give themselves to noble causes?

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Take a moment to read aloud the following quote from *The Religious Dimension of Education in a Catholic School* n.13

Finally, a vague sort of generosity is characteristic of many young people. Filled with enthusiasm, they are eager to join in popular causes. Too often, however, these movements are without any specific orientation or inner coherence. It is important to channel this potential for good and, when possible, give it the orientation that comes from the light of faith.

How are you able to help shape and channel young people's desire for service and generosity by the light of faith? Share some examples of ways in which we can help them avoid being hijacked by partisan politics or causes opposed to the teaching of Jesus and the Church.



“Love our Lady. And she will obtain abundant grace to help you conquer in your daily struggle.”

St. Jose Maria Escriva

STAFF PRAYER

Dear Lord,

We thank you for the generous hearts of so many of our young people. We thank you for their openness to the needs of others, especially the poor.

We pray this week that you will help us to shape this enthusiasm and inner goodness in ways that are truly life-giving, noble and of lasting consequence.

Help us to make this school community a place where we form their intellects, their hearts and inspire their vision to help serve and heal your world.

In your name Jesus we pray.

Amen