

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 Hebrews 2

“What are human beings that you are mindful of them,
or mortals, that you care for them?
You have made them for a little while lower than the angels;
you have crowned them with glory and honor,
subjecting all things under their feet.”

Now in subjecting all things to them, God left nothing outside their control. As it is, we do not yet see everything in subjection to them, but we do see Jesus, who for a little while was made lower than the angels, now crowned with glory and honor because of the suffering of death, so that by the grace of God he might taste death for everyone ...

Therefore he had to become like his brothers and sisters in every respect, so that he might be a merciful and faithful high priest in the service of God, to make a sacrifice of atonement for the sins of the people.

Questions For Group Discussion:

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

Drawing from this passage, how do you think that God sees the human person? How does God demonstrate how he values humanity?

If Jesus has become like us in every respect, what kind of humanity does he model? What is it about the life of Jesus that teaches us what it means to be truly human?



"The glory of God is
man fully alive."

St. Ireneus

PART 2

Take a moment to read aloud the following quote from *The Religious Dimension of Education In a Catholic School* n.55

"Teachers dealing with areas such as anthropology, biology, psychology, sociology and philosophy all have the opportunity to present a complete picture of the human person, including the religious dimension."

How does an education that neglects the religious dimension give us an incomplete understanding of the human person? How can we use all of these disciplines to give students a complete understanding of what it truly means to be human?

STAFF PRAYER

Dear Jesus,

Thank you for becoming like us in every respect. Thank you for the love that you have shown us through your death and resurrection.

Help us to form our students with a deeper understanding of what it is to be human. Give us the grace to imbue all of our teaching with the understanding of the dignity, responsibilities and mission of the human person.

Most of all, help us to love our students and our colleagues as Christ has loved his church. May your love for every human person be the bedrock for everything that we do at this school.

In your name, Jesus, we pray.

Amen.



"And I understood that the greatest attribute of God is love and mercy. It unites the creature with the Creator. This immense love and abyss of mercy are made known in the Incarnation of the Word and in the Redemption (of humanity), and it is here that I saw this as the greatest of all God's attributes."

St Faustina Kowalska