

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 1 Peter 3

"Now who will harm you if you are eager to do what is good? But even if you do suffer for doing what is right, you are blessed. Do not fear what they fear, and do not be intimidated, but in your hearts sanctify Christ as Lord. Always be ready to make your defence to anyone who demands from you an accounting for the hope that is in you; yet do it with gentleness and reverence. Keep your conscience clear, so that, when you are maligned, those who abuse you for your good conduct in Christ may be put to shame. For it is better to suffer for doing good, if suffering should be God's will, than to suffer for doing evil. For Christ also suffered for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, in order to bring you to God."

Questions For Group Discussion:

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

What are some of the key guidelines that this passage gives for being an effective witness to Jesus Christ? Why are they important?

How can we apply these principles to the ways in which we witness our faith to our students? How can we better prepare and enable ourselves to share the person of Jesus with our students?



"It is much the same with the word of God. If it is spoken by someone who is filled with the fire of charity — the fire of love of God and neighbour — it will work wonders."

St. Anthony Mary Claret

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PART 2

Take a moment to read aloud the following quote from The Religious Dimension of Education In a Catholic School n.69.

"...the school as a whole is inserted into the evangelical function of the Church. It assists in and promotes faith education."

What are some practical ways in which we can tie our witness of Christ and our evangelistic mission to our student's education and learning without losing the importance of either?

STAFF PRAYER

Dear Jesus,

Thank you for your presence in our lives. Thank you for the opportunity that we have to minister to young people and

Help us to make this school a place where you are known and loved. Give us the grace to play our part in the spiritual and the intellectual formation of our students.

Open our students' minds to the truth and their hearts to your love. Help them to grow in wisdom, stature and in their relationship with God and with other people.

Help us to be a school that develops the knowledge and spirituality of young people. Help us to have a lasting impact in our student's lives.

In your name, Jesus, we pray.

Amen.



"Good example is the most efficacious apostolate. You must be as lighted lanterns and shine like brilliant chandeliers among men. By your good example and your words, animate others to know and love God."

St. Mary Joseph Rossello