

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 Philippians 2

Therefore if you have any encouragement from being united with Christ, if any comfort from his love, if any common sharing in the Spirit, if any tenderness and compassion, 2 then make my joy complete by being like-minded, having the same love, being one in spirit and of one mind. 3 Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit. Rather, in humility value others above yourselves, 4 not looking to your own interests but each of you to the interests of the others.

Now, take a few moments in silence and read it one more time and then discuss the following questions in a small group

Questions For Group Discussion:

While some subjectivity is part of simply being human it becomes a problem when it becomes an essential filter for life? How does subjectivity manifest itself in the students you work with? Do you see any problems with it?

How can your school community address undue subjectivity or selfishness? What practical things are being done or could be tried to help students engage with a more outward-focussed approach to others and life itself?



"Relying on God has to start all over everyday, as if nothing has yet been done."

C. S. Lewis

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PART 2

Take a moment to read aloud the issues listed from the document *The Catholic School On The Threshold of The Third Millennium*.

- *On the threshold of the third millennium education faces new challenges which are the result of a new socio-political and cultural context. First and foremost, we have a crisis of values which, in highly developed societies in particular, assumes the form, often exalted by the media, of subjectivism, moral relativism and nihilism.*

How does the idea of a 'crisis of values' relate to your experience working with young people, their families and the wider culture at this moment in history? What changes have you experienced in your career in this area?



STAFF PRAYER

Dear Jesus,

Help us to guide our students at this moment in history.

Help us to show them gospel values in our witness and teaching each day. Help us to call them out of selfishness and isolation into your big, expansive plan for every human life.

Help us to show our students a love for others and a concern for service and kindness beyond the self-absorption that besets our age.

Help us to model you as the one came not to be served but to serve.

In your name Jesus, we pray.

“This is our time on the history line of God. This is it. What will we do with the one deep exhale of God on this earth? For we are but a vapor and we have to make it count. We’re on. Direct us, Lord, and get us on our feet.”

—Beth Moore