

# 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 the following scripture from Luke Chapter 8

While a large crowd was gathering and people were coming to Jesus from town after town, he told this parable: 5 “A farmer went out to sow his seed. As he was scattering the seed, some fell along the path; it was trampled on, and the birds ate it up. 6 Some fell on rocky ground, and when it came up, the plants withered because they had no moisture. 7 Other seed fell among thorns, which grew up with it and choked the plants. 8 Still other seed fell on good soil. It came up and yielded a crop, a hundred times more than was sown.”

#### Questions For Group Discussion:

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

Take a moment to discuss with each other your experience of prayer in life so far?

What factors have impacted your own reception of the gospel over the years? What soil do you think best describes your experience of life so far?



Faith never knows  
where it is being led,  
but it loves and knows  
the One who is leading.

Oswald Chambers

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### PART 2

Take a moment to read aloud the following quote:

*The purpose of the General Directory of Catechesis is to foster in pastors and teachers a greater consciousness of the necessity to keep in mind the field in which the seed is sown, and to do so with the perspective of faith and mercy.*

*General Directory N.14*

As a staff group what do you feel are some of the main characteristics of the field in which the seed is sown? How can the gospel be made relevant for young people as they experience the modern world?



When you encounter difficulties and contradictions, do not try to break them, but bend them with gentleness and time.

St. Frances de Sales

## STAFF PRAYER

Faithful Father,

Thank you that you are faithful to fulfil all your promises. You are the ultimate teacher. You teach and instruct us in the way of life and guide us into your will. May we teach others with the wisdom and love that we receive from you.

Remind us that our teaching is an act of worship to you. May the love of the Father, the tenderness of the Son, and the presence of the Spirit, gladden our hearts and bring peace to our souls, today and for all days.

In the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, Amen.