

STAFF DISCUSSION

Going Deeper

PART #1

Scripture Reflection

STEP ONE

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.

STEP TWO

After some time in silence, have one person read the following scripture aloud:

A READING FROM THE GOSPEL OF JOHN CHAPTER 15 4 - 5

"ABIDE IN ME, AND I IN YOU. AS THE BRANCH CANNOT BEAR FRUIT OF ITSELF UNLESS IT ABIDES IN THE VINE, SO NEITHER CAN YOU UNLESS YOU ABIDE IN ME. "I AM THE VINE, YOU ARE THE BRANCHES; HE WHO ABIDES IN ME AND I IN HIM, HE BEARS MUCH FRUIT, FOR APART FROM ME YOU CAN DO NOTHING."

STEP THREE

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

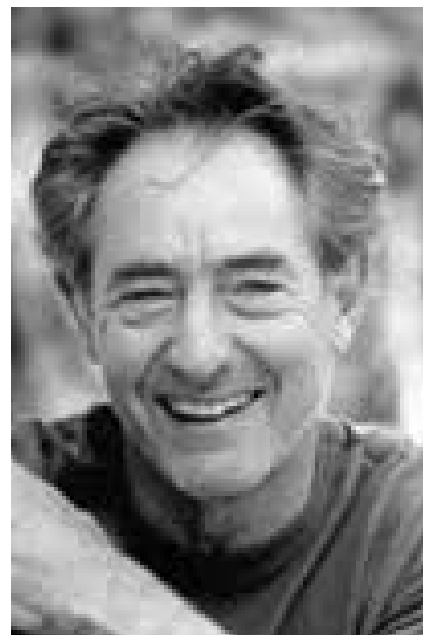
Questions for Discussion

STEP ONE

As a staff do we feel a sense of abiding in Christ? Do we draw our strength and capacity each day from Him? How much time do we allocate in our lives to be empowered, strengthened and commissioned by Him each day?

STEP TWO

What would our school be like if we all decided to make Christ the focus of our vocation? What is holding us back? What could we do to ensure that somehow, each day we are growing in our relationship with Him?



"A SOCIETY IN WHICH VOCATION AND JOB ARE SEPARATED FOR MOST PEOPLE GRADUALLY CREATES AN ECONOMY THAT IS OFTEN DEVOID OF SPIRIT, ONE THAT FREQUENTLY FILLS OUR WALLETS AT THE COST OF EMPTYING OUR SOULS.
SAM KEEN

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STEP ONE

Take a moment to read the following quote:

"SWEETEST LORD, MAKE ME APPRECIATIVE OF THE DIGNITY OF MY HIGH VOCATION, AND ITS MANY RESPONSIBILITIES. NEVER PERMIT ME TO DISGRACE IT BY GIVING WAY TO COLDNESS, UNKINDNESS, OR IMPATIENCE."

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STEP TWO

Do you feel that teaching is a high vocation? What are its 'many responsibilities? Can you carry out this vocation without the supernatural power of Christ, the sacraments, prayer and silence?



"I HAVE ALWAYS ADMIRERD TEACHERS BECAUSE TEACHING, LIKE THE PRIESTHOOD, MEDICINE AND WRITING, IS A VOCATION. YOU DON'T BECOME A TEACHER BECAUSE YOU WANT WEALTH."

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Closing Prayer

Dear Jesus,

Give us all a deep revelation of the dignity of our high vocation and its many responsibilities.

Help us to make a bold decision of the heart and spirit to rely less on our talent and effort alone and more upon your supernatural graces.

May you, who were once a teacher, teach us all how to become your hands and feet in this place or service and mission.

We ask this in your name.

Amen