

STAFF DISCUSSION

Going Deeper

PART #1

Scripture Reading

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 BOOK OF ROMANS CHAPTER 10 v 14 - 15

HOW, THEN, CAN THEY CALL ON THE ONE THEY HAVE NOT BELIEVED IN? AND HOW CAN THEY BELIEVE IN THE ONE OF WHOM THEY HAVE NOT HEARD? AND HOW CAN THEY HEAR WITHOUT SOMEONE PREACHING TO THEM? 15 AND HOW CAN ANYONE PREACH UNLESS THEY ARE SENT? AS IT IS WRITTEN: "HOW BEAUTIFUL ARE THE FEET OF THOSE WHO BRING GOOD NEWS!"

STEP THREE

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

Questions for Discussion

QUESTION ONE

As a staff what do you think about the general perception of how open young people are to the Gospel? What factors make it challenging at this time in history to teach the faith?

QUESTION TWO

How much confidence do you have as a staff in communicating the message of faith in compelling ways? Is there a sense of missionary enthusiasm or is it seen as too hard?



"Let the storm rage and the sky darken — not for that shall we be dismayed."

ST. POPE PIUS X

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PART #2

STEP ONE

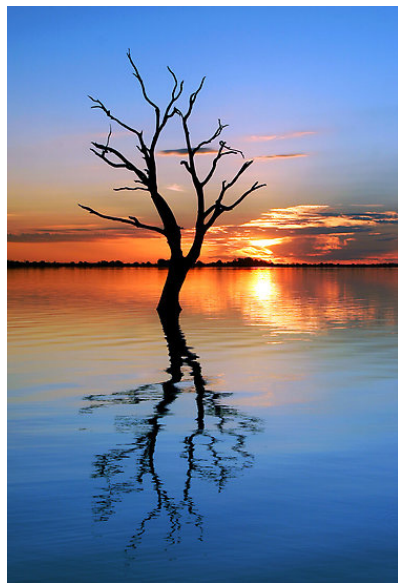
Take a moment to read the following quote:

I WANT TO EMPHASIZE THAT WHAT I AM TRYING TO EXPRESS HERE HAS SIGNIFICANCE AND IMPORTANT CONSEQUENCES. I HOPE THAT ALL COMMUNITIES WILL DEVOTE THE NECESSARY EFFORT TO ADVANCING ALONG THE PATH OF A PASTORAL AND MISSIONARY CONVERSION WHICH CANNOT LEAVE THINGS AS THEY PRESENTLY ARE. "MERE ADMINISTRATION" CAN NO LONGER BE ENOUGH. THROUGHOUT THE WORLD, LET US BE "PERMANENTLY IN A STATE OF MISSION".

POPE FRANCIS EVANGELII GAUDIUM PARAGRAPH 25

STEP TWO

What can you do at your school to ensure that things such as evangelisation and catechesis of young people, "...are not left as they presently are? What do you feel about the call to be in a permanent state of mission?



Staff Prayer

Dear Lord,

This week we pray for an ongoing gift of your courage for mission.

Remove the limitations from what we see as possible. Jolt us out of our predictability with young people.

Give us a fire to bring them the Gospel, the great good news of their freedom and the hope that is open to them.

Begin in all of us this day a process of deeper conversion, of commitment to prayer and sacrament and lives of substance and service.

Change our perceptions of what is possible. Give us the courage, we pray, to evangelise and teach.

We make this prayer in your name Jesus.

Amen

"The more a soul enjoys peace and solitude, the more apt it is to seek and find its Creator."

ST. IGNATIUS OF LOYOLA