

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 1 Corinthians Chapter 3 V 9 -11

For we are God's fellow workers; you are God's field, you are God's building. 10 According to the grace of God which was given to me, as a wise master builder I have laid the foundation, and another builds on it. But let each one take heed how they build on it. 11 For no other foundation can anyone lay than that which is laid, which is Jesus Christ.

STEP THREE

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

Questions for Discussion

STEP ONE

In a small group discuss this question. "What do you think is the main source of energy that drives your school?" Is it based on people just working hard or is there any spiritual source that empowers people?

STEP TWO

In what ways can staff be connected to Christ the source each week? Is enough being done to allow people to deepen and explore their faith?



"WHERE DOES YOUR SECURITY LIE? IS GOD YOUR REFUGE, YOUR HIDING PLACE, YOUR STRONGHOLD, YOUR SHEPHERD, YOUR COUNSELOR, YOUR FRIEND, YOUR REDEEMER, YOUR SAVIOUR, YOUR GUIDE? IF HE IS, YOU DON'T NEED TO SEARCH ANY FURTHER FOR SECURITY."

ELISABETH ELLIOT

STAFF DISCUSSION

Going Deeper

PART #2

STEP ONE

Take a moment to read the following quote from the Church documents:

"Jesus Christ, is the centre of the universe and of history. To him go my thoughts and my heart in this solemn moment of the world that the Church and the whole family of present-day humanity are now living."

(Pope John Paul II - Redemptor Hominis)

STEP TWO

John Paul II saw Jesus as the centre of the universe and of history. Would it be fair to say that Christ is the centre of your school?

Closing Prayer

Dear Lord,

We thank you for the gift of Christ as the source of our lives and the source of all that is good in our school.

We pray this week for a deeper encounter with your Son. Help us all to make some small effort in the days ahead to know Him more.

Give us a desire for prayer, for silence and for scripture and sacrament.

You know that we cannot give what we have not first received. Give us a hunger for your Son that we may ever more deeply serve each precious young person that you bring in to our lives. Give us a deeper and ongoing care and sensitivity for each other as colleagues and friends.

Mary, this week we also ask for your intercession as we seek to know your Son more deeply.

We ask this all in your name Lord.

Amen



"To be a child means to owe one's existence to another, and even in our adult life we never quite reach the point where we no longer have to give thanks for being the person we are."

HANS URS VON BALTHAZAR