

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 Romans 12

Therefore, I urge you, brothers and sisters, in view of God's mercy, to offer your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God—this is your true and proper worship. 2 Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is—his good, pleasing and perfect will.



"I craved to make my faith as real as possible, which meant being recklessly honest in His presence.

Natalie Brenner,

Questions For Group Discussion:

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

What do you feel are some of the essential ways in which the Christian vision of reality contrasts with modern secularism?

In the scripture above there are the concepts of personal transformation brought about by the 'renewing' of our minds. What makes this hard to do in modern life? What influences, pressures or cultural forces do you feel make it difficult for the Christian to allow their mind to be renewed?

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Take a moment to read aloud the following quote:

The Christian knows that every human event—indeed all reality—is marked by the creative activity of God which communicates goodness to all beings; the power of sin which limits and numbs man; and the dynamism which bursts forth from the Resurrection of Christ, the seed renewing believers is the hope of a definitive "fulfilment".

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In what ways do you experience any of the three key elements listed above in your school? They include the 'creativity activity of God, the relity of sin an the power of the resurrection.



"It is one thing to believe in God; it is quite another to believe God."

R.C. Sproul

STAFF PRAYER

Lord Jesus,

Thank you for the opportunities of a new week of community, faith and the chance to share the power of your live through our vocation.

We pray for the grace to increasingly see all reality as shaped by your creative action and the power of your resurrection.

Help us in the coming days to help our students filter the challenging times they inhabit through the lens of your goodness and grace.

In your name we pray, Amen!