

Laity Engaging Laity (LEL) Reflection

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LEL Mission

"To help laity impact the culture by developing their faith more deeply and living it as strong witnesses in every area of their lives"

September 12, 2015

Year of the Holy Spirit

"Manifestation Charisms: The Power to "Know"

- Recap of the Holy Spirit Year, Jul - Sep (see 2015 Summary Handout)
- Spiritual Reflection (see "Journaling Questions" for journaling "homework")
 - Defined the "Know" charisms (Word of Knowledge, Word of Wisdom, Discernment of Spirits) - see Sep Spiritual Reflection Slides
 - Broke into groups of three for prayer on each of the "Know" charisms
 - Reflection on three pieces of scripture, from Mary's perspective, to illustrate the "Know" charisms
 - Word of Knowledge: the Annunciation
 - Word of Wisdom: Joseph receiving instructions from an angel in his dreams
 - Discernment of Spirits: Jesus rebuking Peter ("Get behind me Satan")
 - Practiced listening in prayer for a Word of Knowledge, a Word of Wisdom and Discernment of Spirits after reflecting on each "Knowing charism" and honoring a prayer request
- Manifestation Charisms: Power to Know (see "Power to Know" slides)
 - Manifestation charisms are those from 1 Cor 12:7-11
 - We need to desire the charisms, ask for and pursue them
 - The charisms are intended for everyone, we have a right and a duty to use them
 - The charisms operate through inspiration (literally "breathed into") from God which can come in many ways; thoughts, feelings, pictures, emotion, etc. - this inspiration can come any time, any place, not just in a sacred place
 - Scripture and personal experience was used to illustrate the three charisms
 - Word of Wisdom: Woman caught in adultery (Jn 8:1-11), Rich young man Mt 19:16-22), Council of Jerusalem (Acts 15)
 - Word of Knowledge: Woman at the well (Jn 4), Padre Pio
 - Discernment of Spirits: Clairvoyant slave girl (Act 16:16-18)
 - We must be people of prayer to be open to the promptings of the Spirit
- Small Group Reflections: (see Journaling Questions handout)
 - How do we know when God is speaking to us?
 - We communicate with people in many ways - God can also communicate with us in many ways, we have to be listening in prayer to hear Him, to know how he communicates to us
 - An exercise to help grow in the ability to listen (see Listening Exercise "Homework")
- Handouts/Reflections/Slides: (see LEL website, link is at top of page 1)
 - LEL Reflection - Manifestation Charisms: The Power to "Know" - Sep 15
 - LEL Agenda - Sep 15
 - 2015 Summary, Jul -Sep
 - "Sep Spiritual Reflection" Slides
 - "Power to Know" Slides
 - Journaling Questions - Sep 15
 - Listening Exercise "Homework"
 - Feedback Sheet - Sep 15