

Session 12: "Come In"

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Big Group Activity

1. PowerPoint Reflection - I am a walking loudspeaker

A simple reflection to increase awareness of how our daily lives is already a witness to the people we interact with daily. Refer to attached document and PowerPoint.

Debrief: Who we are determines what we do. Let who we are be determined by God. Preach always, speak only when you have to. We are not called to pass on light, we are called to be a light. We needn't be worried about the quality of the light or the direction, but we have to be plugged in.

2. WWJD- What Would Jesus Do?

Participants are to be in their subgroups. Each group picks a random object out of a hat, and are asked to creatively come up with ideas on how to use this object:

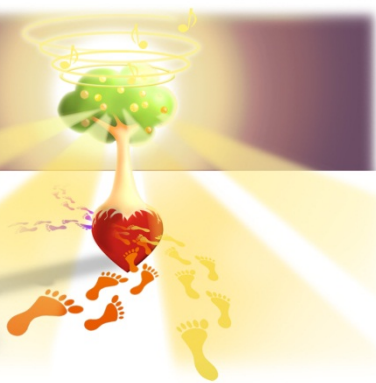
- In the first round (2 minutes), groups are asked to come up with as many different ways as possible to use the object in real life.
- Second round (2 minutes), groups are encouraged to come up with ways in which Jesus might use the same object for evangelisation today.

After each round, groups listen and share with one another.

Debrief: No matter how random the object is, its significance lies not in the object itself, but in how you use it. Given any object there are many ways for us to use it, but when Jesus uses the object(I.e. us) the object becomes evangelical.

Tools of the Journey: Flash Witness

"What is World Youth Day?" If you had 20 seconds to answer this question from a random stranger i.e. bus driver/workmate, whether in Australia or Spain, Catholic or non Catholic, what would you say? Practice what you would say amongst the participants.



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Song: Receive the Power

– Guy Sebastian

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come together to worship You.
In Your presence we delight,
we will follow to the ends of the earth.

Alleluia! Alleluia!
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world!

As Your Spirit calls to rise
we will answer and do Your Will.
We'll forever testify
of Your mercy and unfailing love.

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Prayer: The Magnificat

"My soul magnifies the Lord,
and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior,
for he has looked on the humble estate of his servant.
For behold, from now on all generations
will call me blessed;
for he who is mighty
has done great things for me,
and holy is his name....

...he has filled the hungry with good things,
and the rich he has sent away empty.
He has helped his servant Israel,
in remembrance of his mercy,
as he spoke to our fathers,
to Abraham and to his offspring forever." Amen

Small Group Activity:

- 1. Warm up activity - 1 Minute Stardom**
Each person in the group is given a minute to talk, other members must keep quiet and cannot interrupt. The person may share about anything happening in their life or answer the question 'how are you' for 1 minute.
- 2. Discussion questions:**
Discuss on the suggested reflection questions/lines in the PowerPoint reflection slides

The world of World Youth Day

To raise awareness of participants on WYD preparation around the world

Baba-Yetu - Our Father in African (mp3)

All people and all cultures express and witness their faith differently.

How do you express your faith?

How does our Chinese Church express her faith?

Why is the highlight and finale of World Youth Day a Mass?

What do you feel is unique about any Catholic Mass?

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Introduction

Song: Receive the Power – Guy Sebastian(Refer to Attachement1)

Big Group Activity

1. PowerPoint Reflection: *I am a walking loudspeaker.* (15 mins)

A simple reflection to increase awareness of how our daily lives is already a witness to the people we interact with daily. Our everyday lives and actions are already preaching a message to the world.

- Are we aware our body language :
 - Reveals our interest in a person
 - Reveals any hidden intentions
 - Reveals our patience
 - Reveals our sincerity in what we say
 - Can reveals that we care, even without words
- How we spend our money reveals our attitude towards it
- Decisions you make often reveals your priorities
- The things we own and value reveals who we are
- How is the way you dress:
 - Speaking to men?
 - Speaking to women?
 - Speaking to the next generation?
- How we use our time reveals our attitude towards death
- Our humility before God reveals our humility towards others
- How we treat strangers reveals our respect for all people
- Often how we treat our family prefigures how we will eventually treat our friends
- Our relationship with people reflects our relationship with God
- Final Slide
 - How we live every day is already speaking volumes to the world.
 - Reflect on what we want to witness through our lives to the world,
 - Only by first inviting Jesus to COME IN can we actually witness Him!

Debrief: "Preach always, speak only when you have to" - St Francis of Assisi. Being a witness is not about doing things as who we are determines what we do. We need to let who we are be determined by God for our entire life to be a witness to God.

2. Activity: WWJD? (What would Jesus do) (20 mins)

Each subgroup picks a piece of paper out of a hat with a random object written on it, and are asked to creatively come up with ideas on how to use this object:

1. In the first round (2 minutes), groups are asked to come up with as many different ways as possible to use the object in real life.
2. Second round (2 minutes), groups are encouraged to come up with ways in which Jesus might use the same object for evangelisation today.

After each round, groups listen and share with one another. For added motivation, the groups may compete to see who can come up with the longest 'acceptable' list (acceptable being defined by the crowd)

Suggested Objects:

- a roll of sticky tape
- a pen
- a sock
- a headband
- a goldfish bowl
- a snorkel
- a GPS device
- a chopstick

Debrief: No matter how random the object is, its significance lies not in the object itself, but in how you use it. Given any object there are many ways for us to use it, but when Jesus uses the object(i.e. us) the object becomes evangelical.

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Discussion

To discuss about the reflection questions/lines in the PowerPoint Reflection (refer to above)

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Conclude

1. Prayer - The Magnificat

When Mary first said 'yes', God literally entered her, let us use her example and let God come into us to be his witnesses. (Refer to Attachment 2)

2. Concluding prayer – Receive the Power

Attachment 1

Receive the Power - Guy Sebastian

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Attachment 2

The Magnificat – Mary’s Song (Lk 1:46)

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and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior,
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Amen