

Mindset Session 1

Introduction

Competence, Charism and Character

Overview

- “It’s not my problem”
 - Selfism versus Responsibility in Faith
- “Nothing can change this”
 - Nihilism versus Prayer in Hope
- “It’s a personal thing”
 - Individualism versus Love of Others

It’s Not My Problem

- Missionary leadership: *someone who sees that things would be better if a certain change was made and then takes on responsibility to bring about that change*
- A venture of faith
- Augustine: “There is no belief without preceding knowledge”
- Joshua and Caleb (Ex 13, Num 13)

Discussion

- What holds you back from taking on missionary responsibility
- Share an example where you *did* take on responsibility and saw the Lord act

Mindset Session 2

“Nothing can change this” - Nihilism versus Prayer in Hope

Hope: based on truth

- Sins Against Hope:
 - Despair (“unhope”)
 - Presumption 1: We are all saved
 - Presumption 2: We can do it (ourselves)

Praying in hope: one of the main ways that we express hope

Eph 6:18 “Pray at all times in the Spirit, with all prayer and supplication. To that end keep alert with all perseverance, making supplication for all the saints, ¹⁹and also for me”

“Therefore confess your sins to one another, and pray for one another, that you may be healed.”
(Jas 5:16)

1 Tim 2:1 “I exhort therefore, that, first of all, supplications, prayers, intercessions, and giving of thanks, be made for all men”

Praying for one another (in hope)

- Fraternal support born from relationship
- Supplication, praying for another
- For the good of the brother/sister, their healing, accompanied by practical care

Intercession (in hope) for Life and Mission

- Pleading with God born from desire to see many be saved
- Intercession for groups of people or individuals that they may know their saviour
- Often accompanied by works of evangelism and mercy

Acting in hope: “as if”

Discussion

- Share an answered prayer

- Decide one thing that you can start to do today to exercise this area more

Mindset Session 3

“It’s a personal thing” – Individualism versus Love of All

Examples from

- Moral life
 - Sin as a personal problem
- Common life
 - Household as a collective compromise of individual schedules and opinions
- Problems of discernment
 - Choices in life as individual expression

Phil 2:4 Let each of you look not only to his own interests, but also to the interests of others

- The moral life is always about relationships
- Fishing with nets
- God’s call on your life as inextricably connected with a people

Discussion

- Try to come up with a few more examples where you can see 21st century individuals make choices that don’t take into account the impact on other people
- Is there one thing that challenges you here?