

Discussion Questions for Oct. 10, 2020

Jane Regan, *Forming a Community of Faith*, Ch. 1 & 2

Chapter 1: What are some of the currents of “post-modernity” that affect us and our Catholic communities, both positively and negatively (challenges and promises)? How do these post-modern currents affect the adults who will participate in your scripture-sharing groups? What insights from this chapter of Regan’s book can help us address these challenges?

Chapter 2: What is “Evangelization”? How and why is it at the core of the mission of the Church? What’s “new” or different about the “New Evangelization”? How is your ministry in facilitating adult scripture-sharing groups related to the Evangelization efforts of your parish?

(See also “Questions for Reflection and Conversation” on pp. 5, 13, 32, 37; and “Keep in Mind” summaries on pp. 16, 37-38.)

Discussion Questions for Nov. 14, 2020

Jane Regan, *Forming a Community of Faith*, Ch. 3 & 4

Chapter 3: Regan describes the following three goals of adult faith formation: 1) *Relationship with Jesus* (as individuals); 2) *Affiliation with the faith community* (esp. local parishes/churches); and 3) *Participation in the mission of the Church* (discipleship, evangelization, service).

How will you and your teammates design and conduct your CBISA scripture-sharing project so that you and your participants can grow in all of these areas of adult Christian formation?

Chapter 4: Think of a time when you were engaged in meaningful conversation about our Christian faith with a small group of adults. What characterized that conversation? What contributed to its effectiveness? What was most challenging about this kind of conversation?

(See also “Questions for Reflection and Conversation” on pp. 61, 71, 78; and “Keep in Mind” summaries on pp. 61-62, 81-82.)

Discussion Questions for Dec. 12, 2020

Jane Regan, Chapter 5, and Gabriel Mestre, Chapter 3

Regan, Ch. 5: Think of a group in your pastoral setting that functions well. In what ways does seeing it as a “community of practice” help you understand its effectiveness and the influence it has within the parish? What about those “communities of practice” that are less effective?

(See also the “Questions for Reflection and Conversation” on pp. 93, 98; and the “Keep in Mind” summary on pp. 99-100.)

Mestre, Ch. 3: Mestre reminds us of the four stages of our life-long spiritual journey:

1. The Voice of the Word: Revelation
2. The Face of the Word: Jesus Christ
3. The Home of the Word: Church
4. The Ways of the Word: Mission

What are some specific ways you can incorporate each of these stages into your team project?