

CHRISTIAN ACTION

(15 minutes. Discussion and summary sharing. No poster. This talk is given by an outside team member.)

Please limit your talk to the time allowed for this talk. In order to successfully complete the program every effort must be made to be on schedule. Time is of the essence and your cooperation is extremely important. If you are witnessing, please do it within the theme and within the outline of this talk.

Open with a short prayer.

Purpose: To prepare the candidates to put into practice what has been experienced through this encounter with Jesus. It is suggested that you read the Epistle of James prior to writing your talk. You should stress that christianity is not just a one-to-one relationship with Jesus but also calls for sharing and serving one another. Take it from the previous talk Inmate Life where the speaker explained that one way of positively using the time in prison is by establishing a relationship with others. Go deeper into the subject and develop the theme of service to others.

Points to cover in your talk:

1. What has Jesus told and taught us about serving? (e.g. His washing of the feet of His apostles). How do you live out the Gospel? How do you practice what you preach? What are some of the major activities that you do to serve others and to bring Christ's message to others? Why do you do it? What are some of the minor things you do? (e.g. a word of encouragement, a phone call, a card, a hello, etc.)
2. What difficulties do you encounter sharing yourself with others? Obstacles that can be found in your christian action: red tape, laws, different mentality, prejudice, policies, culture, etc. How do you deal with those obstacles?
3. Refer by name to the speaker from Inmate Life and develop the theme "Your example is the strongest message you can give." What can an inmate do inside the prison to serve others? Refer to the different programs available in this particular facility. This time the inmates can participate as volunteers to help others. In the Inmate Life talk they were asked to participate as students to improve themselves. Suggest several possibilities of how an inmate can be of service to his fellow inmates.
4. Different kinds of christian action: volunteering, charity, participating, sponsoring, palanca, walking the extra mile, etc.

Lead the men into the table discussion of your talk. You can ask them to respond to a question and to write down that question. You can challenge them and offer a theme related to your talk for discussion. You can provoke and stimulate the discussion in the best way you can