

## **CONFIDENCE IN CHRIST**

(10-15 minutes. Table discussion and summary sharing. No poster. This talk/meditation is given by an outside team member.)

Please limit your talk to the time allowed for this talk: 10 minutes for the talk and 5 minutes for the meditation. 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.

NOTE: This talk was originally a meditation. When the Lay Director assigns the talks, he should discuss this assignment with the team member. The Lay Director will make sure which way is more effective and be sure that the volunteer feels comfortable with it. The Lay Director will decide if this assignment will be only a 10 minute talk, only a 5 minute meditation or both.

Start with a short prayer.

Purpose: To explain to the men that after dying and rising again the next logical step is to go forward. They have buried their past and now they need to start walking to the future: their new life centered in Christ. This can be made easy if we have confidence in Christ. On Day Three we go forth with confidence in Christ to grow in His love and to gently spread His message through our example.

### Points to cover in your talk

1. Very briefly recap the themes for Day One and Two.
2. Develop the theme that with Christ all things are possible. Explain what personal confidence have you experienced in Jesus. Have you always had confidence in Christ? When did this confidence deepen?
3. Talk about your confidence and trust in the Lord. How do you use your confidence to bring Jesus to others? How would your life be different if you had no confidence in Christ?
4. Explain all of the above from an inmate point of view. How can the inmates become more confident in Christ and themselves? How can it be of help to an inmate to have confidence in Christ?

Meditation: Use your own words and format to talk directly to your best friend Jesus in whom you have absolute confidence. Meditate about how you have developed this confidence to be where you are at today. Talk to Jesus and tell him why do you trust Him. How does your confidence in Christ sustain you. Have you allowed Christ to become real in you? Why and how?

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.