

SECTION 5: Leader Reflections

Leader Reflection – WHEAT

Important! The Leader Reflections are **not** speeches or lectures, but personal sharing to promote sharing of the entire group.

Time: 10 minutes, leading into Prayer Service/Sharing; WSL or Leader facilitates

Purpose: The central theme for both the TEC weekend and the WT is the notion of WHEAT. This holds **especially true** for the WT. The purpose here is to make wheat real through our sacrifices, service and actions. Your objective is to introduce the whole notion of wheat, especially through our sacrificial giving, service and prayer.

It is hoped through this reflection the young people of the WT will come to a fuller understanding and appreciation of Wheat while gaining a deeper realization of its importance for the weekend and their own lives.

The reflection should be practical and based on PERSONAL EXPERIENCES. Do not be overly ‘theological’.

Things to Consider:

- Scripture: John 12: 24 – 26 READ THIS
 - Use Scripture as appropriate, but be careful not to overuse
- Importance of Wheat
 - Consider central theme of Paschal Mystery – Dying, Rising, Transformation
 - Examples of Christ doing wheat - to understand the notion of giving of self
 - Important to us because we are called to put this into practice
 - Offering Wheat takes COMMITMENT, like their commitment to God by saying Yes to this team
- Make it Real – Personal examples witnessed or demonstrated
 - Sacrifice and sacrificial giving
 - Giving up pop **not** Wheat; giving up pop **and** donating \$ to charity=Wheat
 - Service and Actions
 - Exercising **not** Wheat; using the time exercising to pray =Wheat
 - Listening to K-Love **not** Wheat; K-Love as a reminder to think about and pray for PT and candidates= Wheat
 - Wheat Letters (good/bad examples – see section 7)

Prayer Service / Sharing Ideas:

- What Wheat will I offer to support this commitment?
- What is my cross to bear?

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Leader Reflection – PRAYER

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Purpose: A critical part of both the TEC weekend and the WT is PRAYER. This holds especially true for the WT. The intention here is to make Prayer real and discuss the many forms of Prayer. Your objective is to introduce the whole notion of Prayer, how to pray and how **you** pray.

It is hoped through this reflection the young people of the WT will come to a fuller understanding and appreciation of Prayer while gaining a deeper realization of its importance for the weekend and their own lives.

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Things to Consider:

- Scripture: Choose your favorite Scripture regarding prayer
 - Use Scripture as appropriate, but be careful not to overuse
- Importance and difficulty of Prayer
 - Scripture – Jesus and others reminding us to constantly pray
 - Personal difficulties with prayer
 - Feeling inadequate, finding time / effort, prioritization
- Forms of Prayer – Spoken and Unspoken
 - Rote prayer – Our Father, Hail Mary, Glory Be, Serenity Prayer, etc.
 - Spontaneous prayer – talking with Jesus / God
 - Silent prayer – taking time to listen as part of your Prayer
 - Sacrificial prayer – offering up our suffering on behalf of someone else
 - Service prayer – offering up our Wheat as a form of Prayer
 - Intercessory prayer – asking someone to pray on our behalf
- Make it Real - Personal examples witnessed or demonstrated

Prayer Service / Sharing Ideas:

- Close by circling up and asking ALL to offer a Spontaneous Prayer

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Leader Reflection – AGAPE LOVE

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Purpose: A critical part of both the TEC weekend and the WT is understanding Agape Love so we can strive to demonstrate it. This holds especially true for the WT. The intention here is to make Agape Love real and make sense of a strange Greek word. Your objective is to introduce the whole notion of Agape and make it relatable.

It is hoped through this reflection the young people of the WT will come to a fuller understanding and appreciation of Agape Love while gaining a deeper realization of its importance for the weekend and their own lives.

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Things to Consider:

- Scripture: Choose your favorite Scripture (e.g., John 4:8, Romans 5:8, John 13: 34-35, 1John 3:16,18, John 3:16, many others)
 - Use Scripture as appropriate, but be careful not to overuse
- Types of Love
 - Human Love
 - Storge, Philia, Eros Love
 - Supernatural – Agape Love
- What is Agape Love?
 - Divine or Spiritual Love
 - Unconditional Love
 - Charitable Love
 - Self-Sacrificing Love
 - Love without need... Love with NO expectations of anything in return
- Make it Real - Personal examples witnessed or demonstrated

Prayer Service / Sharing Ideas:

- When / where do you feel God's Agape Love most strongly?
- Share when you experienced Agape Love from a human

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Leader Reflection – DISCIPLESHIP

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Purpose: The central theme for both the TEC weekend and the WT is the notion of Discipleship. This holds especially true for the WT. The notion here is to make Discipleship real through willingness to follow and serve Jesus. Your objective is to introduce the whole notion of Discipleship, through our willingness to follow Jesus and bring others to Him.

It is hoped through this reflection the young people of the WT will come to a fuller understanding and appreciation of Discipleship while gaining a deeper realization of its importance for the weekend and their own lives.

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Things to Consider:

- Scripture: Choose your favorite Scripture
 - Use Scripture as appropriate, but be careful not to overuse
- Importance of Discipleship
 - Consider discussing Disciple (learning from the teacher) vs. Apostle (sent out representing the teacher)
 - Consider central theme of Paschal Mystery – Dying, Rising, Transformation
 - We are all called to be imitators of Christ
 - We are all called to be fishers of men
- Make it Real - Personal examples witnessed or demonstrated

Prayer Service / Sharing Ideas:

- How can I become a better Disciple?
- How can I be a Disciple to those around me?