

BEYOND TEC REFLECTION

Speaker: Youth or Young Adult

Time: Last reflection of the weekend

Length: 15-20 minutes (with song)

Scripture: Psalm 146; Matthew 5:13-16

Previous Reflection: Young Christian as Disciple

Purpose: This reflection introduces the idea of the “Fourth” or “Go Forth” day of TEC. The speaker shares his/her fourth day and provides a series of tips-and-tools to prepare the new TECites for living their Fourth Day. This includes reminding them of the strength, power and confidence they have found in Christ.

Outline:

1. The Fourth Day:

- a. On Saturday, we told you there were three days... but there are really four.
- b. Today is your Fourth Day - the First Day of the Rest of Your Life.
- c. The first three days were spent under ideal conditions in an incubator of a Christian Community.
- d. The Fourth Day reveals how these three days have influenced/challenged your priorities, faith, ways you think about life, etc.
- e. Share your Fourth Day since your first TEC; share:
 - a) how the TEC experience hasn't made your problems go away - problems will always exist and have to be dealt with. But now you have Jesus as a friend and companion.
 - b) the struggles and triumphs you experienced after your weekend – next day/week/month/year?

2. How you can help TEC:

- a. By living a Christian life as best you can. Being Christian doesn't mean being perfect, just forgiven.
- b. Encourage your friends to attend a TEC. Share what you have experienced/how it made you feel. They may not understand/be able to relate. Be joyful – not preachy - in your sharing.
 - a) Don't tell your friends they *need* to go, but that they *deserve* to go – they're worth it!
- c. Share the experience with your family. Although they have been informed of what is involved in TEC, they have not had your experience – and may not fully comprehend it.
 - a) Stress it is O.K. to wait a little while before they share their experience or feelings with family or friends. They may need to internalize/process how the weekend affected them first before sharing.
 - b) Invite your Mom and/or Dad to make a Cursillo – a similar experience for adults.
- d. Keep the surprises/gifts of TEC wrapped up so they can remain surprises/gifts for future TECites.
 - a) BE VERY SPECIFIC about keeping the Hoot, Banquet, Embrazzo Line and Wheat Letters a surprise.

- e. Write Wheat Letters and continue to pray for future TECites. Do wheat.
 - a) Review the term “wheat” --- sacrifices made so others may experience God’s abundant love.
 - b) Give examples of wheat; read a GOOD wheat letter; maybe one you received that touched your heart.
- f. Come back to provide wheat for future weekends/candidates. The work/time you sacrifice will take some dying to self, just as others did for you on your weekend.
 - a) Help is always needed in the kitchen.
 - b) Attend the Hoot and Hoot Mass which begins at 5:30 p.m. at Christ the King Church. The Hoot follows Mass; the Embrazzo (hug) line follows the Hoot.
 - c) Entertainment is always welcomed at the Hoot. Share your talent as wheat.
 - d) Pray up a speaker or simply spend time in the chapel praying for the candidates/team.
 - e) Apply to be on a future Wheat or Presenting team. Applications are on the web site: www.northwest-tec.com
- g. TEC is supported by the Diocese of Peoria and area parishes. Get involved in *your own* parish or church community; talk to your Pastor about how you can become involved.
- h. See if FCA or similar Christian programs are available in your school or city. You don’t have to be an athlete to participate.
- i. Attend Fourth Day Fellowship – weekly gathering of TECites to continue growing in their faith – always food! –games and/or reflection given. (Give day/date of next Fourth Day/mini reunion.)
- j. Find / create a mission you are passionate about.

3. How can TEC be hurt?

- a. By missing school tomorrow. You may have been excused for today.
- b. By breaking confidence. What has been discussed this weekend in the reflections and at your table is confidential...**please** don’t break that trust.
- c. You can be too pious or pushy; your friends will not understand.
- d. Remember, a person can be a good Christian even if they don’t make a TEC...TEC is not for everyone.
 - a) Review the idea that everyone’s Encounter with Christ is unique...we started the weekend by saying “there was no “it” to get”. The seed has been planted and it’s up to us to tend to that seed.
 - b) **Conclusion:** TEC is a personal experience that is difficult to put into words...show others by your example. When others ask, rather than try to explain the parts of the program, tell them what you personally got out of TEC, and encourage them to attend a weekend.

4. Make your Fourth Day action-oriented

- a. Take what you’ve learned this weekend and do something with it.
- b. Be patient and persevere.
- c. You have a family here that will hold you up, love you and hold you accountable.
- d. Provide specific challenges to the TECites – maybe based on previous reflections throughout the weekend.
- e. Instill a sense of confidence in the TECites reminding them Christ is with them every step – every day.