

## BEYOND T.E.C. MEDITATION

**LENGTH:** 15-20 minutes

**SPEAKER:** Teen Team Member

**TIME:** Monday afternoon - @ ? :00 p.m.

**Purpose:** This is the last formal presentation of the weekend. This meditation introduces the idea of the "forth day" of TEC. The speaker shares with the TECites his/her forth day and gives them a number of items to do and not do to help support the movement into the future. This outline should be followed closely.

**Preparation:** Before writing this meditation, please take time to read, reflect and pray with the suggested scripture passages. Then become familiar with the outline. The outline as many good suggestions, and needs to be followed closely. Review the Purpose often to be certain that your meditation serves to fulfill the stated purpose. Remember you are in our prayers.

**Scripture for Reflection:** Psalm 146; Matthew 5:13-16

### OUTLINE

#### I. The Fourth Day

- A. On Saturday, we told you there were three days... but there are really four.
- B. Today is 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 successful these three days have been.
- E. Share your Fourth Day, being honest, since your first TEC.
  1. Share that the TEC experience hasn't made your problems go away- problems have to be dealt with, now with Jesus as a friend and companion.

#### II. How can TEC be helped?

- 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. Tell them what you have experienced. You can express feelings but they are very hard to explain or understand because explaining them usually taken out of context.
- C. Share the experience with your family. Although they have been informed of what is involved in TEC, they have not had your experience...keeping in mind they can not fully comprehend your experience. Stress that it is O.K. if the new TECites want to wait a little while before they share. They may need to internalize their feelings before they can share with their family.

- D. Keep the surprises of TEC wrapped so that the gifts can remain for future TECites. At this point BE VERY SPECIFIC about keeping the Hoot, Banquet and Wheat Letters a surprise.
- E. Write Wheat Letters and continue to pray for future TECites. Do wheat and write letters to let us know about it...Review the term "wheat" – sacrifice given up prayerfully. Give examples of types of wheat given up. Read a GOOD wheat letter.
- F. Come back to give up wheat for future weekends: remember, you come back for the Candidates. The work may take some dying so others might live, just as people have given of themselves for your weekend.
  - 1. Set-up is Friday afternoon at 4 p.m.
  - 2. Help in the Kitchen. Meal times are available in the newsletter.
  - 3. The Hoot. Mass begins at 5:30 p.m. at Christ the King church. TECites from the last TEC sing their theme song. Afterwards everyone goes to the gym, then back to the church for the Embrazzo (Hug) Line.
  - 4. Entertainment is always needed at the Hoot. Share your talent as wheat.
  - 5. Clean-up is Monday afternoon at ? p.m.
  - 6. Apply to be on a future Team. Applications are on the web site: [www.northwest-tec.com](http://www.northwest-tec.com).
  - 7. Apply to be on a future Wheat Team. Applications are on the web site: [www.northwest-tec.com](http://www.northwest-tec.com).
- G. TEC is supported by the Diocese of Peoria and the area parishes. Get involved in your own parish or church...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.

### III. 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 here and at your table is confidential...please don't break any 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.

IV. Review the idea that everyone's TEC experience is unique...we started the weekend by saying "there was no "it" to get. God is not an "IT"...God is a person who offers a relationship to another person, and that makes each relationship with God unique, just as a father has different relationships with their children.

V. **Conclusion.** TEC has been 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 the TEC, and encourage them to come.