



MINISTRY DAY

Diocese of Winona-Rochester



Building a Culture of Discipleship

The Ministry Context

(with Deacon Keith Strohm of M3 Ministries)

REFLECTION & DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

Morning Session...

“THE NON-NEGOTIABLE SHIFT – Embracing Missionary Values for Cultural Change”

Culture is more than a buzzword or an intangible concept – it is, in fact, one of the keys to communal change. If we want to experience the renewal of our dioceses and parishes, then we will have to intentionally build cultures rooted in discipleship, mission, and evangelization. In this session, Deacon Keith will explore 5 key "macro" values or paradigms that we will have to shift if we want to pursue this journey of transformation and provide concrete resources, as well as a practical process for beginning these paradigm shifts.

1. Name one thing that stood out to you in this morning's keynote. In other words, what inspired you, challenged you, or made you think about things in a new way?
2. Name one "tip of the iceberg" that you struggle with in your parish. Which of the 5 paradigm shifts do you think this obstacle falls under?
3. Which of the 5 paradigm shifts do you think your parish is furthest away from making? Which of the 5 Paradigm shifts do you think your parish is closest to making (or has already made)?
4. What would have to change at your parish among the leadership to begin (or to successfully continue) this journey of cultural renewal and transformation?

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Afternoon Session...

“THE POWER OF THE GOSPEL IN PARISH TRANSFORMATION”

"For Freedom, Christ has set us free" (Galatians 5:1). This is the heart of Jesus' mission of redemption and the core of His message. There can be no parish renewal, no diocesan transformation, and no fruit in mission if the Gospel message isn't lived and shared. In this session, we will dive in to the heart of the Gospel, called the kerygma, and explore its central themes. What is the Gospel and what does it mean for each of us, and for our journey into parish transformation.

Now that you have taken a prayerful and reflective journey through the Kerygma Experience, please take a few minutes to quietly process the following questions and then share your answers to these questions with the people in your small group. Please choose someone to lead your small group in prayer before you start the group discussion.

1. What was this process of journeying through the kerygma like for you? Were there any thoughts, memories, or emotions that you experienced as you heard and reflected on the key moments of the Good News?
2. Was there a particular movement of the kerygma that you found personally edifying or impactful? Why? How has that experience effected your life (i.e., relationships, self-understanding, image of God, spirituality, prayer, intimacy with God, etc.)?
3. Was there a particular movement of the kerygma that you found particularly challenging or that you struggled with? Why? What do you think God is trying to reveal to you in that challenge or struggle?
4. Was there anything that you heard in this kerygma proclamation that surprised you?
5. During the Kerygma Experience, you received an invitation to surrender anything that was keeping you from receiving more of this kingdom life and from saying yes to Jesus (for the first time or at an ever-deeper level). What was that moment of the Kerygma proclamation like for you?
6. How comfortable would you be right now in making that invitation to someone else? What would it take for you to feel more comfortable in inviting others into a relationship with Jesus?