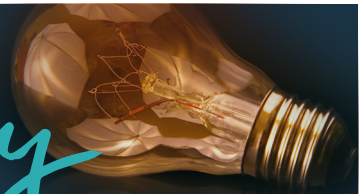


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Awakening Your Heart for Mission

with Fr Stephen Langridge

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When discussing this talk as a group, you may wish to discuss the following questions provided by Fr Stephen:

Part 1: Awakening your heart for mission

For first breakout

1. If I went to Mass in a parish of missionary disciples, what would it feel like?
2. What are the external and internal obstacles that are holding me back right now?
3. If I were to change one thing as the result of what I have heard today, what would it be?

Part 2: Two chances to make a first impression

Discussion at end

1. Do regular parishioners see themselves as a guest or a host? What does a host do?
2. Jesus gives us the example of the shepherd who leaves the 99 to go in search for the lost sheep. How do we get across the message that the church exists not just for those who come, but even more so for those who don't come?
3. What one thing could I change to make a better first impression?
4. For priests, how does the belong, believe, behave paradigm impact my preaching?

Further Resources

During his talk, Fr Stephen mentioned the following books and resources:

- Fr James Mallon: "*Divine Renovation: Bringing Your Parish from Maintenance to Mission*", Twenty Third Publications, 2014
- Sherry Weddell "*Forming Intentional Disciples: The Path to Knowing and Following Jesus*", Our Sunday Visitor, 2012
- Michael White and Tom Corcoran: "*Rebuilt: Awakening the Faithful, Reaching the Lost, and Making Church Matter*", Ave Maria Press, 2013
- Alpha Australia www.alpha.org.au

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