

THE MEANING AND CONTENT OF THE GOOD NEWS

I. Introduction:

Explain to the students that a possible option for "commitment" and life-direction is Christ and Christianity. The world needs the power of love, brotherhood, and peace to begin anew in the hearts in order to create an escalating effect of love, brotherhood and goodness. You might begin by stating "All of us are looking for worthy goals and direction for our lives. Christianity is one answer but it is probably not the Christianity we see lived, but the Christianity we can make live if we grow to understand it."

Pass out copies of the New Testament, or at least mimeographed copies of the Last Supper Discourse of St. John and also quotes from Saint John's epistle which have to do with the whole story of the Redemption, the power of love, and man's mission as Christian.

Suggested passages are the following:

Matthew: Chapter 10 - The Missionary Discourse

Matthew: Chapter 25:31+

I Peter: Chapters 2, 3, 4, 5:5-11

Romans: Chapters 12, 13, 14

I Corinthians: 12, 13, 14

Galatians: 5

Ephesians: 4, 5

II. Student Response:

1. What does Christ ask of men?
2. How, then, would one describe a true Christian?
3. What does real Christianity bring to mankind?
4. How can Christianity be considered "Good News" for the world?
5. Is this "Good News" a Person or a thing?