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Bibliodrama IV (Biblical Drama)

In touch with the Bible

Dear Friends and Partners in Ministry,

It is wonderful to share with you about the so many different programs that CERC organizes at NEST during the year. Our goal is to reach out to as many lay leaders as possible so they can learn more and serve better in their ministries.

One of our small group programs is Bibliodrama, which is concerned with the spiritual journey of the participants.

Thus on April 6, 2013, Rev. Agnete G. Holm of DanMission led a session in Bibliodrama.

A brief explanation of Bibliodrama:
Bibliodrama is not drama or theater – but it is spiritual counseling in a group with the help of biblical texts. There is a Bibliodrama leader who guides and leads the group through the text and through the issues that appear. Bibliodrama was invented in a Cappuccine monastery in Germany and is inspired by the Ignacian spirituality.



We all know that we learn very much through experiences. But in our churches we are used to sitting down and listening. How can we experience the biblical stories without performing drama or theater? Bibliodrama gives the biblical story a physical place in the room.

The biblical story can be appealing and inspiring, but it does not impose anything on the participants. There is room for the individual to find a place in the biblical story which is relevant and rewarding in life and faith. No matter what, the participants will feel a relation to the biblical passage and there will be room to feel if there is a life-giving calling from the biblical story. The dialogue within the outline is a contemplative listening to the other participants. We listen without commenting and we listen in a way that allows us to focus our attention on what processes are happening in us while we are listening. In the workshop we learn how to make space for this kind of dialogue.

The participants meet again after their experiences in the outline, then the session is rounded off with a sharing of faith and experience. This helps participants to relate to the experience in a way that is relevant for their life and faith. This is an existential dialogue, where the instructor is present as a spiritual counselor and the participants become companions in each other's lives. In the workshop participants also learned to connect their feelings and experiences gained from this spiritual journey to their everyday life.



Agnete with the participants



Here are some of the comments from our participants...

I am so much enjoying the Bibliodrama because it has many benefits: it is a group therapy from God's word, and more than that it is a process of personal inner healing from the word of God. The insights it gives, the peace it sows, the new revelations it makes you see whether about myself or about the Bible, it is all great. I am also enjoying the new way of looking at the Bible and reading it, and how ordinary passages can have such deep meanings, affect and importance in our own personal and emotional life. EHAK

Thank you for this wonderful opportunity to participate in a Bibliodrama session. I appreciated the interaction with the Bible story and learning from the others there. It's challenging to allow oneself to open up that way before God and others. TL

For me, it was a new and an interesting experience to have the Bibliodrama session. I liked the concept of it, which was fairly new to me. It was nice to see how God speaks and communicates different things to us through the same text. Hearing people share and discuss was also a good learning experience. SKB

I have been in a waiting mode for months now, Where I found myself in the Bibliodrama on John 21 was not surprising, but the process of using the Bibliodrama helped me to be able to move forward into the future, with a peace that Christ is directing what I should do. It was what I needed.

Thanks so much for providing this opportunity. PF

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