

National LIFE Day ***BEING CHRIST TO OTHERS***



Supplies

- Paper leaves of various colors (sample: <http://www.discountmugs.com/cliparts/detail/10261.jpg>)
- Scissors
- Pens/markers
- Glue/tape
- Tree trunk cut out of paper or drawn on paper where leaves will be glued; put it up some time before closing prayer
- Bible or print out of reading

Reading:

Colossians 3:12-17

God loves you and has chosen you as his own special people. So be gentle, kind, humble, meek and patient. Put up with each other, and forgive anyone who does you wrong, just as Christ has forgiven you. Love is more important than anything else. It is what ties everything completely together. Each one of you is part of the body of Christ, and you were chosen to live together in peace. So let the peace that comes from Christ control your thoughts. And be grateful. Let the message about Christ completely fill your lives, while you use all your wisdom to teach and instruct each other. With thankful hearts, sing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs to God. Whatever you say or do should be done in the name of the Lord, Jesus as you give thanks to God the Father because of him.

Discussion

Reflect on the quote from the above scripture passage:

“So let the peace that comes from Christ control your thoughts. And be grateful. Let the message about Christ completely fill your lives while you use all your wisdom to teach and instruct each other.”

How would Christ control your thoughts?

Why would it be difficult to let Christ control your thoughts?

With the onslaught of social media use among teens and adults and violence occurring in the world around us, why is it sometimes difficult to let Christ fill your lives?

Is it easy to teach & instruct others in the ways of Christ?

What will you do?

Activity

Hand out the leaves, two for each person, more if the group is smaller.

Have each person write one intention for which they would like to pray for the world on one leaf.

On the second leaf, they write one action they would do to assist with their intention and/or teach and instruct others to let Christ fill their lives.

Closing Prayer

Lord, we come to you as your humble and grateful children. The gifts you have given us are numerous. While we live in a world where not everything is perfect, please give us the courage to do what is right so we may experience your kingdom here on Earth.

[Participants read their intention then their action. They will stick their leaves on the tree's branches.]

Our Father