

“Thirsting for Justice: Teaching Virtues as Tools for Change”

David Wells

You are invited to create community online as we gather to share and grow faith.

How to Prepare and Run a Session:

Read *Saturday Sessions ‘How To’ Guide* for information how to host a Saturday Session.

Presentation:

Thirsting for Justice: Teaching Virtues as Tools for Change
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<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cWcFwEtrY7w>

About the Presenter:

In this presentation from the Los Angeles Religious Education Congress, presenter David Wells reflects particularly on the writings of Pope Francis, and the virtues of tenderness, authenticity (courage) and joy. David invites the audience to consider these virtues and how the understanding of these virtues can offer us life to the full.

David Wells is a catechist and author who regularly speaks at conferences ... David has contributed to the production of catechetical resources in the UK and North ... Catholic faith" which sold widely throughout the English speaking Church.

<https://www.davidwellslive.com/about-david/>

**Questions to Ponder:**

1. What was your reaction to David's presentation?
2. "Put down your weapons to pick up the gifts you have received." Do you identify with the weapons Pope Francis is asking us to put down?
3. What are the signals that you put out – your homily, your message?
4. How do we make our meetings, our experiences times of joy instead of times of discontent?
5. Have you ever felt that you have lost your mission? What has energised you to renew your virtues and your mission?
6. People have got the idea that religion is the opposite of joy. What is your response?
7. What did you take away from David's sharing of the virtues, Tenderness, Authenticity (courage) and Joy?
8. How are you living the virtues David speaks about in your lives?
9. Have you ever received so much information and been inspired but not known what to do with it? How do you turn your learning into good news?
10. What is this all about if it is not about joy?
11. What do you want to remember from this talk?
12. What can you do with what you have learnt?

Further Support:

If you would like further support to bring to life a Saturday Session, or Wednesday Wisdom or Tuesday Thinktank (the name can be changed), please contact Lisa at the Pastoral Planning Office at lisa.bright@parracatholic.org

For information about Zoom please contact the Pastoral Planning Office or you can watch a Zoom tutorial at <https://support.zoom.us/hc/en-us/articles/201362033-Getting-Started-on-Windows-and-Mac>

The Pastoral Planning Office thanks you for your enduring faith, hope, love and commitment as we venture into the deep. We pray that you experience the peace and grace that our God offers and can be an ambassador of Christ's hope and peace to those you encounter and accompany.

Please contact the Pastoral Planning Office for support in all areas of pastoral ministry.

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