

How to achieve the new plan

20 years have passed since we started implementing the new plan. We recalled the steps we have taken. For that purpose, this year, through the process of opening the heart we would look at our particular positions or different aspects like the example of the two disciples encountered Jesus as traveler at Emmaus. Each community takes a different topic and discuss at their own pace. Let us think of the future of each community freely and look back at our activities during the past twenty years. Topics are chosen from varieties of things as social effect of aging society, declining birthrate, great man from your own home town, continuance of church, mental problems or any of your own interest.

1) SEE (Personal Direction will appear)

Emmaus has discussed over things that happened around them in past few days such as death of Christ, the empty tomb or testimonies of women. We need to start looking at the reality happening around us seriously.

Let's look at the situation of the world, around Japan and these realities are happening continuously before very own eyes. Situations are both good and sad or just and unjust.

We put keywords to identify the reality/situations that happened during the past twenty years. Please refer yourself and recall what had happened around the world or around Japan. At the same time, it would be good to reflect on your twenty years. When we look back at our past then we are able to see our personal direction and this is called dynamic memory. Dynamic memory is one of the methods of retreat.

Next, look back at the course of history this past twenty years of your own area, block or parish. What kind of things we have done as a church in this society in past twenty years. Identify even the little things. Our various works bear a lot of fruits. Make a list of things and then we thank the Lord.

The Lord lights all things whatever we pick up from our own personal interest. Do not limit or categorize, just pick up from your interest one by one.

We can move to the next step after seeing our own interest.

2) Listen(Enlighten our own interest from different angle)

According to the bible, Jesus appeared as a traveler. We will hear God's call and the Gospel. We identify the direction of our new plan. We suggest to study the guidelines of (seek for tomorrow of new plan) and we will hear the word of the Lord which is our source. Please refer to the five figures and also refer the bible.

3) Judge (From our interest open up newborn)

After hearing the words of Christ, and everything getting clear, the two disciples came to understand the meaning of the reality- what happened to Jesus, who acted as a traveler whom they invited to stay with them. *"He sat with them, took the bread, blessed, broke and gave it to them. And their eyes were opened.*

They knew that it was Jesus, and he vanished out of their sight. And they said one to another did not our heart burn within us, while he talked with us by the way and while he opened to us the scriptures” (Luke 24:19-41) through this, God can be seen in the judgement like what he did in Emmaus.

We walk as a community look at the path we have taken in the light of new vision and bible, and then we ask what is our priority, our challenge, the right direction, our role and what do we do before making an important decision.

4) Practice (based on our interest and walk towards the Lord)

After encountering risen Christ, the two disciples hurriedly went back to Jerusalem in order to tell that they saw the risen Lord in the breaking of the bread. When their eyes were opened, the two disciples turned into witnesses and men of communion.

We will make a plan according to what we see, what we hear or what we judge or make a decision, then we will see another topics then we return to the beginning (go to number 1: look)