

REVOLUTION CLAYTON

Imagine. Believe. Change

"The central pastoral office is to make people aware."

-Walter Brueggemann

I read this quote in the book, *Growing Souls: Experiments in Contemplative Youth Ministry*, however, the challenge is getting students to become aware of God. Christianity is relationship; and any counselor worth her salt will tell you that every healthy relationship is based on listening. What does it mean to do youth ministry within a Christian culture in which listening to God is rarely practiced? What does it mean when churches, parents, and youth ministers instead are listening to the anxious, predictable voice of society?

During the Passion 4 Purity Retreat, the girls were challenged to stop and allow God to love, empower, and guide them before they go to school or work. They were taught classical forms of contemplative prayer like *lectio divina*, which gave them an hour each day to discuss their spiritual lives. My prayer is that students would engage in prayer and discernment.

Historically, it is the mystical, contemplative, praying dimension of the Christian tradition that has most concerned itself with listening and attending to the presence of God. It is this arena of Christ life that we call "spirituality" that invites us to seek a deepening awareness of our relationship with God. Spirituality is about listening; about attending to our experience of God. Christian spirituality, in particular, emphasizes the nearness of God, our relatedness to Christ, and the inspiration (in-spiring) of the Holy Spirit empowering us for acts of mercy, justice, and peace in the world.

Throughout the summer, students will be challenged and held accountable for listening to the still small voice of God. Trips like camp, CIY, and retreats are often loud, nevertheless, the world is very loud and students need to learn to slow down their lives and just "be still."

Shannon

STUDENT SERVICES

THESE ACTIVITIES ENGAGE STUDENTS IN AN AUTHENTIC RELATIONSHIP WITH OTHERS AND CHRIST

The Monthly:
The purpose of the monthly is to inform parents and students of what is happening in the student



May 19 – Deeper – Shannon's House – Starts 6:30
May 26 – Deeper – Shannon's House – Starts 6:30
June 23 – Deeper – Shannon's House – Starts 6:30

June 10 – Out 2 Lunch – Arby's at 11:15
June 24 – Out 2 Lunch – McDonalds at 11:15



Jr. High Camp Sign-Up !

Rainbow Christian Camp

June 14th-19th

\$155

Sign up at the student bulletin board (you have until the end of May)



STUDENT EVENTS

June 27th King's Island Trip (Sign up by May 31st)

Cost \$40 a person due at sign-up

Premier Senior Recognition Celebration

Friday, May 15th, 2009