

Session Five Understanding and Creative Charisms

Opening Prayer: Leader should read the opening prayer, pause, the group should read the bottom prayer together and then ask the following: How did you feel? What is holding you back from making your life a “work of art”. Ask them to think of something in their life they feel they CAN’T do, then replace the word can’t with I CHOOSE NOT in the same sentence. The reality is that we are often holding ourselves back from being who we can be.

Charisms of Understanding

As has been the pattern leaders could ask for volunteers and discuss the charisms based on the wishes of the group.

Knowledge – diligent study to understand God

Ex. St. Thomas Aquinas who wrote Summa Theologiae

Wisdom - insight that leads to creative solutions

Ex. Solomon the son of David

Discussion: Wisdom and Knowledge are often confused, how are they different?

Creative Charisms

Craftmanship- sacred or secular artistic creativity

Ex. St. Joseph foster father of Jesus or Michelangelo sculptor of the Pieta

Music – writing or performing music for others

Ex. Giovanni da Palestrina who was a great singer

Writing - using words to create works of the truth and beauty

Ex. C.S. Lewis who after his conversion influenced many through his writings

Discussion: Can your occupation be a charism (ex. Music Adrian Soltys)? If so how?

What difference will discerning charism make in your life? How do you think it will affect others?

Where is God calling you?

Closing Prayer: p.42 all should say the prayer together. Amen