

Oscillation and interviews worksheet

Learning objectives:

1. Increased ability to use a model/theory to look at, make sense of an experience. (e.g., Oscillation Theory and the interviews)
2. To better understand the relationship between the nudging of the Holy Spirit and human freedom and responsibility?

You'll make use of this worksheet after you hear a presentation (early in the session) on Oscillation Theory. You'll have a few minutes to make notes. After that you'll be placed in a small group to share and discuss.

Instructions:

Individual work: The worksheet is a tool to help you consider the various issues. If the spectrum helps, use it. If not just note what comes to mind.

In the small group: We suggest that you go around the room allowing each person to share their thoughts on any one of the four items below. Then go around again. Obviously you may not get to talk about all four items in the time available.

1. The extent to which *the people you interviewed* have useful/effective/concrete sources of extra-dependence. And what did you learn/hear/discern about people's willingness to accept responsibility for their own spiritual life?

Lacking such sources		Adequate		Ample
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Your thoughts

2. Make a pastoral judgment about each *person's management of the polarity* between extra-dependence and intra-dependence (e.g., responsible action in the world). Based on the data you have from the interview but also other things you may know about the person. Please don't name the person in the group discussion.

Manages it poorly		Adequate		Manages very well
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Your thoughts

3. The extent to which *your parish offers* useful/effective/concrete sources of extra-dependence for people at different stages of faith & practice.

Lacking in such sources		Adequate		Ample
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Your thoughts

4. The extent to which *your parish provides* adequate support and resourcing for responsible action in people's daily life. In family, with friends, in the workplace and civic loife.

Lacking in such support and resourcing		Adequate		Ample
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Your thoughts