

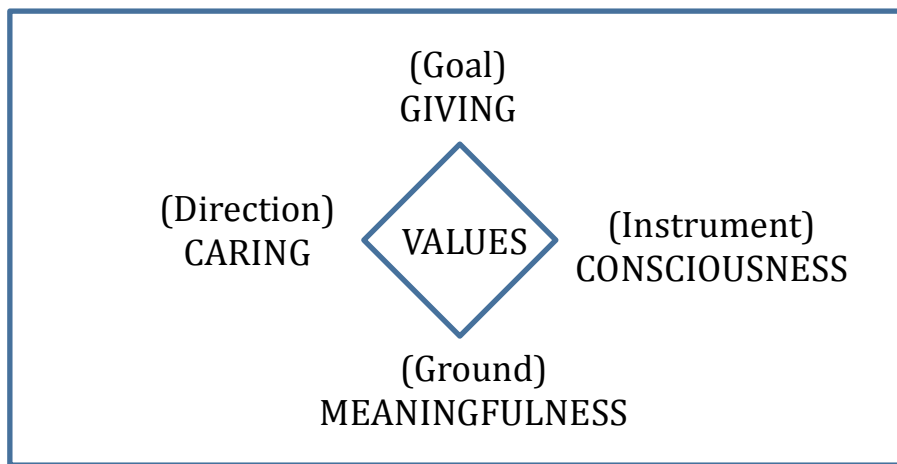
QUESTIONS – *WATER & SCRIPTURES*

RELIGION

- Based on our religion, being Catholic, what is our work in the world?
- Is our work to make the “Common Good” – the conditions and resources – accessible to each person, family and community, in a way that enables their integral development and fulfilment?
- For example, Pope Francis stated that each person has a basic human right to safe energizing water, clean air, healthy environment. These are gifts of our Creator God intended for all life on earth.
- Therefore, is our work in the world to make those qualities of water, air, and healthy environment available to each person, and their family and community?

EXERCISE

- For each scripture reading, CONTEMPLATE the questions below and what changes you personally should make, both inner and outer, in order to: make “safe energizing water” available to all persons?



Meaningfulness

What do you feel is the deeper or underlying meaning of “water” being represented in this reading? Why did Jesus or the Prophets say or do what they did? What impact on you, and how you are living your life, were they trying to achieve through that message? What “wake-up call” or spiritual awakening are they aiming at? What value of water were they trying to demonstrate?

Consciousness

Visualize: What changes in heart (enlarged feelings), changes in mind (holistic thinking), and changes in spirit (goals and aspirations) are required to make that value of water real in your life...e.g., one that has a spiritualizing effect on your family or friends, not just words.

Giving

What end or ends should we be devoting our lives toward making happen if we embrace that sacredness of water – a living water, which has the capacity to regenerate itself (a) In our immediate surrounds? and (b) In the world?

Caring

Visualize yourself as the Good Samaritan acting with real caring toward the well-being of people, not just an empty expression:

- What will you do, what should we do, to extend ourselves and our actions, such that we progressively make “safe energizing water” accessible to all persons in the world?

STRUCTURE FOR SESSIONS

- A. (15 min) Opening Prayer (Pope Francis) and Contemplation (Bob Holliday)
- B. (35 min) Scripture Teachings on Water (Msgr. Diamond)
- C. (10 min) CRS Videos
- D. (20 min) Small Group discussions of Scriptures using QUESTIONS
- E. (10 min) Group Reports/Learning and Closing Prayer (Sir Francis Drake)