



WORKSHOP

Theological Reflection on ministering to pastoralists

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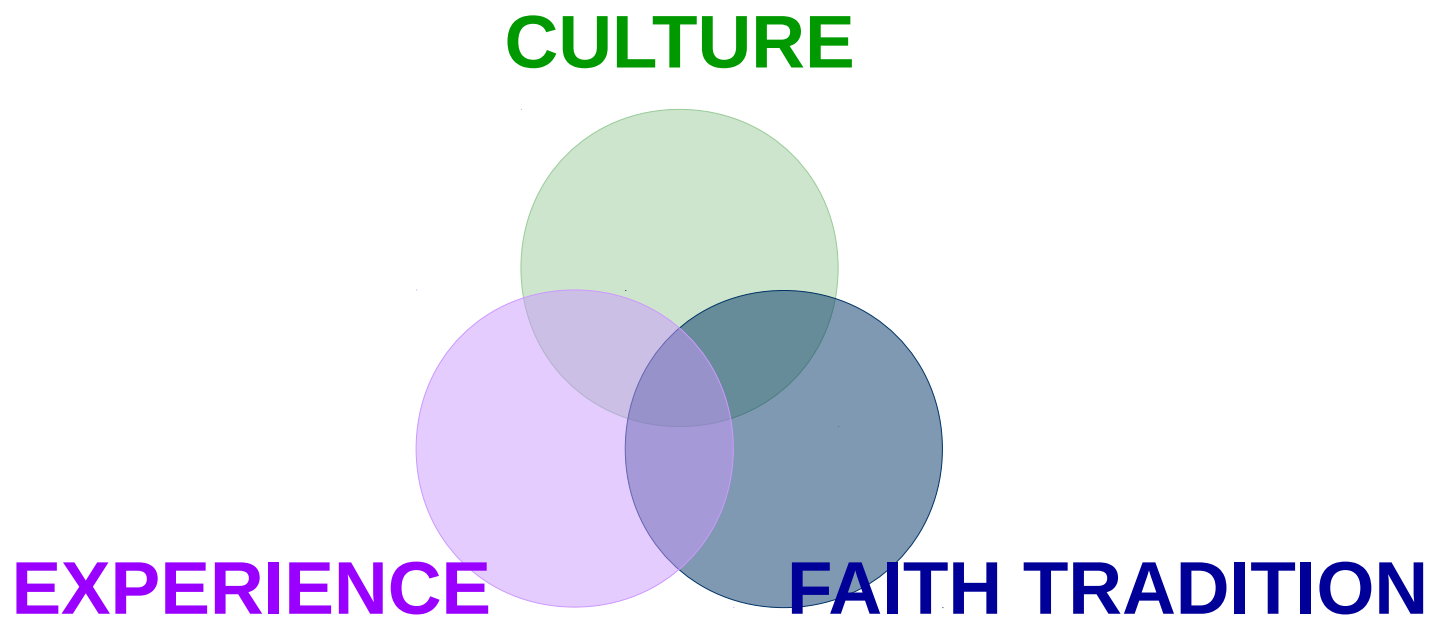


Introduction

- By **theological reflection** we mean:
 - = a reflection on experience
 - = in the light of faith
 - = that leads to a response
- The best **entry point**:
 - = contradictions
 - = dilemmas



Dynamics of Theological Reflection



Dialogue of perspectives interpreting events, situations, contradictions, and dilemmas



Benefits of TR

- **Challenging assumptions and basic attitudes:**
 - = discovering own limitations / potential
 - = seeing own role / contribution in a new light
 - = perceiving situation in different way
 - = seeing transcendent meaning of reality
changes perspective and attitudes



Benefits of TR

- **Encourage and give hope, motivate:**

- = hearing the call of the Lord

- = gaining an alternative vision of the future

- = mutual listening, open communication, respect, intimacy, bonding, trust, responsibility



Entry point

- We are outlining principles for facilitating the encounter between Gospel and Culture
- The precondition of any ministerial activity is our relationship with the people

Share in groups: the most significant challenge or dilemma in the way we relate to people

NB: come up with one theme for the group



Theological Reflection

- Within your group, choose a Biblical passage that may speak to you about your dilemma
- Retreat for one hour of personal prayer with the text:
 - = what's happening in the scene?
 - = how does the text displace or surprise you?
 - = how does the text invite you to respond to the situation?
- Share in the group and come up with a group resolution (**NB: in a prayerful way!**)



Theological Reflection

- **Plenary presentations:**
 - = what is the situation you reflected on?
 - = message from the Word to the group?
 - = what resolutions (personal or shared)

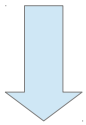
Plenary reflection:

- = How do these resolutions relate to the principles identified yesterday?

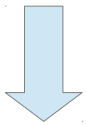


Plenary reflection:

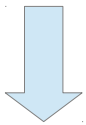
Experience



Insights



Principles



What to start with?

Make it real... rather than ideological!
It's our faith journey... personal and in community
...it's work in progress



With what we are struggling with at the moment!