



Leaders Notes

For 180 years the SVP in England and Wales has supported people in need and now is no different. Our Vincentian values insist that we must seek and find those in need and help them in a spirit of dignity and humility, as well as speak out against injustice where we can. All around the country our support centres and Conferences (young and old) work daily to turn concern in their local community into positive change.

Carrying on from last week we continue to journey with the stations of the cross. Last week we saw how authority can change the course of history and the part we play in influencing that. As we watch these stations we once again settle and remember that this is a moment to stop, pray and act.

Below is the format and outline for how to run this brief reflection and discussion 10 minute session with your group.

- Start by reading the above statement in bold to the group.
- At the end of each station there is a call and response that happens as part of the traditional prayer.

The call is

'We adore You O Christ, and we praise You'

The response which the group can say out loud together if appropriate

'because by Your holy cross You have redeemed the world'

- Play the Video for Week 2 ([Click here](#))
- This week is all about encounter. Jesus will meet with various people along the way and the reflection this week calls us to explore who we encounter in our communities who might need help.
- At the end of the video pause on the questions and invite the group to share some ideas in the big group or in small groups with feedback.

Questions for reflection

- Who are the people we encounter in our community who might need help?
- Who like Veronica could we reach out in kindness too?
- Which groups and individuals might need our help and might feel on the margins of society?
- Frederic Ozanam is the founder of the St Vincent de Paul Society. He said there is a struggle between those who have nothing and those who have too much. He said 'our duty as Christians is to throw ourselves between these two camps in order to accomplish by love, what justice alone cannot do'. What do you think he is asking us to do in this statement?

Make a note of their ideas and answers in the box below, share with the RE lead/ chaplaincy lead and then keep this sheet safe as it will be needed for the final week.