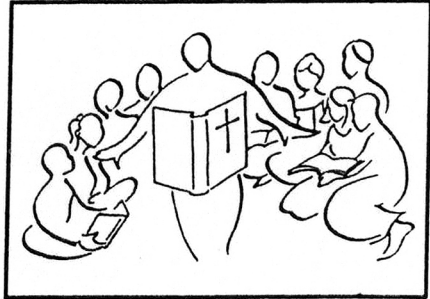


BIBLE-MIRROR-METHOD

(Group Response)

1. We listen carefully to God's Word

- We invite the Lord in a prayer and welcome him.

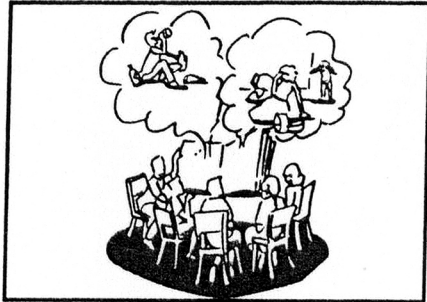


- We read the text twice.
- We pick out short phrases, read them aloud three times and keep a pause in between.
- We read the text again.

2. We see our own life reflected in the text.

Let us discuss the following question with the person next to us.

We report to the whole group after 3-5 minutes.



- *What life-situation or problem in our parish, village, town or country is similar to the situation mentioned in the text?-- (Do not talk about your personal problems!)*

☞ **Report after 3-5 minutes.**

(After the report:)

☞ **Choose one problem to discuss further.**

- *Does anyone know more about this problem?*

- *Why do you think we have such a problem?*

3. We look at our life-situation with the eyes of God.

We now imagine ourselves at God's side. We make ourselves one with God and try to look with his eyes at the life situation which we have chosen.

We keep silence for three minutes and ask ourselves:

'How does God look at our problem?'

'What does God think, feel and say about it?'



(Perhaps we remember Psalms and other texts from scripture which may have something to do with our life-situation.)

4. We share on 'God's point of view!'

We tell each other
what we think God is
saying to us about
our problem...



5. We plan in the 'Kingdom Way'.

We ask ourselves:

What does God want us to do?

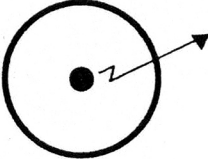
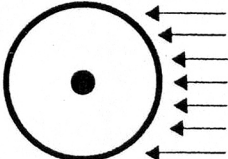
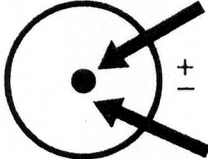
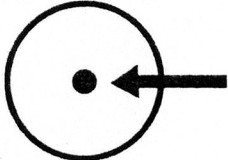


WHO is doing **WHAT** and **WHEN**?

(If a group has chosen an important and difficult problem, the action plan should be discussed at a separate meeting.)

For making an action plan we use the 'Problem solving Scheme' on the following page. A detailed explanation and examples of how to use this Scheme you will find in AsIPA text A\8.

Before you use this Problem solving Scheme you should narrow down a "huge problem" (eg. Unemployment) to a concrete expression or example of this problem. (eg. 'In our street there are some youth without work!')

Problem Solving Scheme

	<p>1 Formulate the Problem Formulate a concrete objective which you can really manage. Write it on newsprint.</p>
	<p>2 Suggest many solutions Brainstorming - each member may suggest a solution. No discussion yet!</p>
	<p>3 Discuss a few solutions Find advantages and disadvantages of a few solutions. Ask: Which solution is nearest to the mind of Christ?</p>
	<p>4 Decide on ONE solution The whole group decides unanimously on <i>one</i> solution.</p>
	<p>5 Appoint Who does WHAT? WHEN? WHERE? (Tomorrow? Next week? . . .)</p>
	<p>6 Check again later Fix a date when to report back. Change the method - if necessary. Adapt - do not give up.</p>