

Church in the Modern World

Talk #13

Speaker & Length Spiritual Director, 10 minutes

Introduction

The working title of this talk is, “YOU are the church in the modern world”.

The theme of the first day was “die to self”. The second day was “rise in Christ”. The theme for today is “go with Christ”. This talk should remind the butterflies that the church is the body of Christ, not a collection of bricks and mortar. Like any healthy body, the body of Christ is a vital, functioning, body. When the butterflies return from the weekend, they should take their place in that body and fulfill their calling in the life of grace.

I. The Christian Life

- A. Is a life in grace
- B. Is a life of inter-dependence
 - 1. on Christ
 - 2. on each other
- C. Is maintained by
 - 1. prayer, study, and action
 - 2. practicing faith
 - 3. active involvement in the Body of Christ
- D. Is an active life
 - 1. with involvement in your church, community, school, family, etc.
 - 2. one of serving Christ by serving others.
 - a) “Be Palanca to those around you”
 - b) “Be Jesus’ lever in your environment”
 - c) “You may be the only Bible some people ever read”

The Beyond VN talk will expand this theme with practical examples of how to participate in the Body of Christ.