

Worksheet „Profound Theses”

Below, you can find extracts from the theses formulated by young people from around the world. They express their protest against grievances of the present and their visions of a better future.

Please read the theses first and then make a choice of one thesis you want to deal with more precisely.

After finishing this task, form small groups in your class to the respective theses and share your thoughts on them by considering the following questions:

- What wanted the author to express?
- What did she or he feel when writing? What do I myself feel when reading?
- What is my opinion to this statement? What is the statement of our group?

Think and share about solutions to the problems mentioned. How can the idea of a better future look like in practice? What can you contribute on this yourself, what can you contribute as a group?

Create a Mind Map to "your" thesis that you can present to the other small groups afterwards.



Theses

1. Why do churches fail to satisfy the conditions of their faithful in social, moral, political, economic and religious? Every individual in the world belongs to at least one church. So where do wars come from? Where kidnappings? Why tribalism in churches? Churches need to be renewed and become involved in government action to restore peace in the world.

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2. I hope for a better future that people will see what's happening around them, that they will keep their eyes wide open, that they will watch and think about politics, that they will think about poverty and about those suffering and that they will always have faith and hope. We should all be aware that without our own contribution the world will not change.

Rede Sinodal, Brazil

3. Some pastors sow hatred and tribalism among Christians whereas Jesus came for everyone.

Ecole Primaire Mabanga, Democratic Republic of the Congo

4. All of us should be more responsible and make everything possible and positive, rather than doing some actions that aren't nice or making something bad. We can share each other's opinions and understand each other and make everything possible. And also we can help to make our country better, and also our whole world, that we can be a better person and improve our community that we live in.

from the Philippines

5. Dare! Dare to give a chance to girls and women; they will prove that they are able to changing the world, to succeed where men displayed a weakness. I am shocked by those who do not dare to give a chance to women to flourish. Nothing has been able to prove the inability of women. In the field of science which is considered as

reserved for women, for the same number of opposite sexes, women defend valiantly and even outweigh men. In DRC, educational outcomes, for example, are a proof. I am against the fact that woman is an inferior force, an incapable.

Institut Visoke, Democratic Republic of the Congo

6. As a follower of Christ, the text written on the Bible will help each and every one of us on how tomorrow will be better than today. I know that some of us don't believe in what the Bible says but as soon as we do, it is a stepping stone to a better tomorrow, helping us to know when to do things in the right way or not in the eyes of the Lord.

from the Philippines

7. Many people experience discrimination day by day. We as Christians have to ignore colour of skin, origin and many things as reasons why many people are discriminated and help these people!

Theodor-Flidner-Gymnasium, Germany

8. A good school is much more than just a school.

Evangelische Gesamtschule Gelsenkirchen-Bismarck, Germany

9. The churches need to renew because some older people do not respect the rights of children as the Bible says. The kingdom of heaven is for small children.

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10. It's our mandate to continue passing on Christianity from generation to generation.

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