

Adult Formation - Session 4
Richard Rhor
Discussion Questions

Video Clip 1

1. RR discusses our society's love affair with 'zero sum games' where there are winners and losers. He uses sports as an example. Can you think of other areas where we have winners and losers? Is there a way we can turn these into win-win?
2. RR says that the Christian religion has historically defined 'who is in and who is out'. Is this still happening? Give examples.
3. RR said that we as Christians have a duality problem because we say that we honor the absolute of God, when in fact we often honor the absolutes of country, industry, capitalism, money, war and power. He also made the point that anything we are uncomfortable critiquing (see the previous list) will soon become a false idol. Do you feel this conflict? What can you change personally to address this conflict? What can we do as a society?

Video Clip 2

1. There are four 'code words' that RR uses to illustrate his point about integrating order inside of disorder:
 - Forgiveness
 - Mercy
 - Compassion
 - Grace

He goes on to say that all Christian denominations need to grow up and walk through the dark nights to understand that forgiveness, mercy, compassion and grace are for everyone, not just who you and I believe they are for.

Who do you struggle to forgive? If you were able to forgive this person, what did that feel like? How did it transform you and/or them? Ask yourself the same questions with regard to compassion.

Video Clip 3

1. RR says that our starting point for hearing the good news/message (Gospel) should be our woundedness, not our desire to ascend to perfection. Is that idea consistent with what you were taught about your religion?
2. RR says that we are the hope of the world. What type of personal transformation would have to take place for you to realize that calling? What type of societal transformation would have to take place for the world to transform?