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| **Sometimes the solution to a problem is rather obvious and does not take much thought. Sometimes there seems to be no solution to a particular problem or a difficult situation except to give up completely. Sometimes the solution to the problem is the not the best solution. Consequently, it is important to spend time concentrating on just what the solution could be. Often if we think in terms of a solution "outside the box," that is, one that is not usually considered, we may find a solution that we ought to try.  The Apostles only thought of one solution to the problem of feeding the hundreds of people who were with them, and that was the usual one of buying enough food for all of them. They knew that they could not do it, and so that told Jesus to dismiss the crowds. But Jesus was able to think in a different way from his Apostles, and ultimately was able to feed the crowds with leftovers even. In terms of Nico & Vinz's song "Am I Wrong," Jesus chose "another way" and accomplished the solution to the problem. Jesus was able to think "outside the box."  One of the important ideas of leadership is the idea of fresh thinking or the ability to view the problems of life from a different point of view. It involves trying to determine the cause of the problem or that which is making a situation difficult and looking at it in a way that is not the same way as everyone else. When we are able to accomplish it, the chances are that we will discover something new about the problem or situation.  It is an avenue of discovery, often bringing about solutions that were never considered before.  We often face very difficult problems and situations in the course of our lives. Perhaps we must spend some time outside of our "comfort zone" and think about the solutions in an entirely different way.** |
| ***PRAYER***  **Good and gracious God, your Son was able to think about problems from a different point of view while he was with us on this earth. Give us the grace to carefully consider the problems we have in such a way that we can consider all of the possible solutions. Be with us, we pray.** |
| **+++++**  **GUIDE FOR CLASSROOM PRESENTATION AND PERSONAL ENRICHMENT  Theme: Some of the solutions to our problems may lie outside our normal way of thinking.  DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:** 1. The Gospel passage is usually considered to be a passage that calls to mind the Eucharist. What is the meaning of the Eucharist for a Christian? See *Catechism of the Catholic Church, second edition,* numbers 1322-1344. 2. "Five thousand men" can be an exaggeration. Why would the evangelists use exaggeration when they described certain scenes of the Gospel?       3. Text analysis: "Thinking out the box from where I stay." What is the meaning of the phrase? 4. Why does the person in the song describe his way as "home" to him? 5. Text analysis: "Tripping for having a vision." What is the meaning of the phrase? 6. What does it mean to be "on top of the world"? 7. Give an example of "thinking outside the box." 8. What is the best way to determine a solution "outside the box"? 9. In your opinion, how do you define "fresh thinking"? 10. In your opinion, what does the idea of "comfort zone" mean? 11. What does the song "Am I Wrong" teach young people? |
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