JFA Outreach (Feet Work) Reflection Assignment

Assignment

Write a short (3-10 paragraphs), thoughtful reflection of your experience with the Justice For All Exhibit outreach. Unless your handwriting is extremely legible, we ask that you type your reflection. Your attention to good grammar and clarity will be greatly appreciated! Turn in your reflection to the administrator of your school program, or send it to Reflection@JFAweb.org.

Why Write a Reflection?

- 1. It's a way to further your learning. As you write, you'll process your successes and shortcomings. You can give thanks to God and pray for your next encounter.
- 2. You can use your reflection to impact others long after the outreach. You can share it with your prayer team, your church, and others who might be encouraged by it or learn from your experience. You can use it as a springboard to having a conversation about abortion.
- 3. JFA may use your reflection to edify others and promote the work of Justice For All. If you do **not** want to be quoted by name, write "**Please do <u>not</u> quote me by name**" at the top of your reflection. We will absolutely honor your request.
- 4. JFA will use your reflection internally to improve future seminars and outreaches. We value your ideas and constructive criticisms!

What Should I Write About? (Use the Following Questions as Guidelines.)

- 1. What were your thoughts before the outreach?
- 2. Describe the outreach from your perspective. About which aspect are you most enthused?
- 3. Were there any experiences and/or conversations during the outreach that were particularly noteworthy? Were you able to exchange contact information with anyone so you can continue the conversation?
- 4. Reflect on how the outreach experience changed or affected you.
- 5. What was particularly valuable about the pre-outreach training seminar? How could it be improved? What were your thoughts before and after the seminar?
- 6. If your outreach experience included an overnight stay, was there any aspect of housing, food, or transportation that could be improved?
- 7. Think of three people you know who would benefit from a dialogue with you about abortion. First, name the person in your life with whom it would be most difficult to have a conversation about abortion. Second, name the person with whom it would be moderately difficult. Finally, name the person that would be easy to talk to. Do you plan to at least talk to the person in the "easy" category, using the exhibit brochure?
- 8. If you could choose, would you participate in such an outreach again? Why or why not?

Tips for Preparing to Write Your Reflection

At the outreach, keep a pen and paper handy at all times for writing journal notes (helpful for writing your reflection later) or for giving someone your contact information.

- Note important moments of each significant conversation (some write quick notes and some script the conversation both have benefits).
- Note how the student changed
- Reflect briefly: How can you do better in the next interaction? Are there better questions that will further conversation? Did you listen? Did the person hear Christ's perspective? (See "Scribe-Evaluate-Brainstorm-Pray" for a step-by-step guide.)