



Questions for “Jean Vanier—A Message to Student Leaders of Catholic and Faith-Based Schools”

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Urg1szAlbpA>

1. Jean Vanier’s message could be understood this way:

SELF	OTHERS
Discover who you are, your gifts	Help others discover who they are, their gifts
Let your faith rise up	Help others give their gifts

- a. What would you or others name as your gifts? (What do you enjoy doing? What gives you satisfaction? What are you passionate about?)
- b. List all the ways you could use these gifts and passions to meet needs in your community.
- c. Design an action plan around your gifts and passions that will meet needs in your community.

Examples: (A) Jean Vanier was touched by the lives of people with disabilities. He had good interpersonal skills. So, he decided to start L’ARCHE. (B) Marc and Craig Kielberger were good speakers. They also had gifts as organizers. So, they started Free the Children.

2. The word “love” is used in many different ways. How does Jean Vanier’s use of the word love help you to think about leadership?

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