

Reserve 107

Reconciliation on the Prairies

Discussion Guide: The Learning Praxis Circle

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The Learning Praxis Circle, generally, comes out of the Latin American Liberation Theology as a way of reflecting upon an experience or a change that is happening, be it personal or professional. It was first developed by Paolo Friere, a Brazilian educator.

How we can use the Circle of Praxis when watching Reserve 107

Prior to watching the Reserve 107 documentary, begin with "Observe", Step One. Focus on what we see, hear, feel, smell, taste and smell (although these last two don't really apply to this documentary it would in other situations) Pay attention to your senses, this is how we begin to use the circle

Watch the documentary

Now we can reflect upon what we have watched and make meaning out of it. Begin by discussing what you have observed, then continue around the circle.

1. Observe - the idea is to not skip ahead to make a judgment but to use the senses and simply observe: what do you see, hear, touch, taste, feel, or smell...break it down into smaller pieces. This keeps us in the present of the experience.
3. Reflect - What questions are raised for you out of what you have observed? What more do you need to know?
4. Make meaning -in this step, some of those questions can be answered. We can compare your observations and reflecting and ask what does this mean to me? What is it saying to me? or to us? Are there still questions that linger?
5. Act/Celebrate - If we can identify what it is saying to me/us, then perhaps we can go a step further and act upon it....What is it that we learn/do as we have this experience? Has something changed in you and have you grown in awareness? If so, what are you going to do about it?
6. Celebrate -celebrate the experience, the learning and the awareness!

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