



AsIPA stands for “Asian Integral Pastoral Approach.”

### History and Background

In 1990 more than 400 Bishops of Asia gathered at Bandung in Indonesia for the 5th Plenary Assembly of Federation of Asian Bishops Conferences (FABC). As a result of deep meditation of the Bishops of this Assembly, AsIPA was proposed.

It aims to implement the vision of the new way of being Church, to train lay people to take leadership and carry out their mission in the Church and in the world. It also aims to make laity to read the Word of God in the Small Christian Communities and to act accordingly.

It also was revealed that this can be implemented in the parishes by establishing Small Christian Communities. Therefore, it is very essential to form Small Christian Communities, based on the Word of God.

## **Preparing the Place for AsIPA Meeting**

- Select a place suitable for the AsIPA meeting
- Place a table in that place and cover the table with a white cloth
- Place the Holy Bible on the table as it is kept on the Ambo
- Place a lamp of oil in front of the Holy Bible and light it
- All sit around the Holy Bible as a small group

## **Seven Steps**

### **Step One: WE INVITE THE LORD**

The facilitator asks a few people in the group to invite Lord Jesus in a personal and friendly manner in short prayers.

- E.g.
- Lord Jesus, as you came to the house of Martha and Maria, come to our midst.
  - Lord Jesus, as you came to the house of Zacchaeus, come to our midst.
  - Lord Jesus, you who said, “I am the way, and the truth, and the life” come to our midst.

### **Step Two: WE READ THE TEXT**

- Let us turn to the Gospel of St. ... Chapter ... (Say this twice)
- Turn Chapter ... Verse ... to Verse ....
- Invite two or three people to read the text slowly and prayerfully

### **Step Three: WE PICK OUT WORDS AND MEDITATE ON THEM**

- Pick out words or short phrases, read them aloud prayerfully, and keep silence in between.

### **Step Four: WE LET GOD SPEAK TO US IN SILENCE**

- We keep silence for three minutes and allow God to speak to us.

**Step Five: WE SHARE WHAT WE HAVE HEARD IN OUR HEARTS**

- Share the experience that you have in relation to the words or short phrases that you picked up.

**Step Six: WE DISCUSS ANY TASK WHICH OUR GROUP IS CALLED TO DO**

- Give chance to make some proposals which may help those in need.
- Among those proposals, select the best one to be implemented in the near future.

**Step Seven: WE PRAY TOGETHER SPONTANEOUSLY**

- Invite some to thank the Lord for being with the group. (Even the prayers of the faithful can be said)

**Activity**



1. What does AsIPA mean?
2. When and where was AsIPA started?
3. Why was AsIPA started?



**For Life**

Organize AsIPA meeting in your school.

- All the Pictures were obtained from the internet.