Four Corners Activity

Prior to class: Label each corner of room with one of the following signs:

* Strongly Agree
* Agree
* Disagree
* Strongly Disagree

Day 1:

1. **Ideally** - Combine both religion and science class together for the specific bell in a *location such as the gym, auditorium or large classroom.*

**(*PLEASE NOTE: If joining the classes is not possible, the activities – 4 Corners & PPT Notes/Discussion) for the 2 days should take place predominantly in SCIENCE class. However, the theology teacher(s) should reference the connections too, so it makes sense why they are being assessed in Theology via a reflective paper.)***

1. Share the following quotes as an opening of the day:
   1. Verse – 3 John: 8 “We ought therefore to show hospitality to such people so that we may work together for the truth.”
   2. “Hospitality is the way we come out of ourselves. It is the first step toward dismantling the barriers of the world. Hospitality is the way we turn a prejudiced world around, one heart at a time.” St. Benedict
2. Give students three minutes to fill out attached half sheet questionnaire that has the following statements:
   1. The Catholic Church is anti-science.
   2. The Catholic Church believes in evolution.
   3. A devout Catholic can search for scientific truth.
   4. The Catholic Church has played a role in the development of science.
3. Read a statement and have students move to the corner of the room that corresponds to their feeling.
4. Give some basic rules about how to defend an opinion to the group.
5. Give the student groupings a minute or two to talk and prepare a statement of their reasoning for their location in the room. If at any time a student from another group is persuaded to move, they are welcome to leave their group and join another.
6. Complete the process until all four statements have been read and discussed.

Complete the following statements according to your feeling.

* 1. The Catholic Church is anti-science.

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* 1. The Catholic Church believes in evolution.

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* 1. A devout Catholic can search for scientific truth.

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* 1. The Catholic Church has played a role in the development of science.

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