

Abstract

The diploma thesis deals with two methods of working with the biblical text in social work, existential hagiotherapy and imaginative interpretation. The primary goal of this work is: *Description of the experiences experienced by hagiotherapy group participants and participants of individual imaginative interpretation with biblical text in 2Sam 11*. The secondary goal is: *Validation of the method of individual imaginative interpretation based on hagiotherapy*. Hagiotherapy is already a comprehensive and structured method of working in a group. The method of imaginative interpretation is a method not yet used in practice and represents individual work. The diploma thesis presents this method in the light of an already functional method.

The theoretical part deals with the presentation of both methods and their placement in the context of social work. Differences and similarities of the method of hagiotherapy and imaginative interpretation are presented here. At the end of this section, are given possible interpretations of the text. The theoretical part defined terms that were essential for answering the basic research question.

The basic research question is: „*What lived experience do the religious participants of the hagiotherapy group and the religious participants of the individual imaginative interpretation have with the biblical text in 2 Sam 11?*“ The empirical part was devoted to its answer using the method of interpretive phenomenological analysis. The research was carried out with participants in hagiotherapy and participants in imaginative interpretation, in the form of a semi-structured interview. An analysis of both groups was carried out separately, and subsequently also an analysis of their emerging themes together. Topics were also compared across female respondents of both groups.

Through my research, I found out that the topics of participants in hagiotherapy and imaginative interpretation have a lot in common, on this basis I concluded that it would be possible to use the method of imaginative interpretation in practice, if it were defined in greater terms and was a helpful and not a psychotherapeutic method.