

BASIC STRUCTURE FOR GATHERING AROUND JESUS

CONNECTING

WITH EACH OTHER

(Voluntary sharing only, 1-1 ideally)

- What are you thankful for?
- What is causing you stress?

Pray for one another as you go.



WITH GOD

- The Body sings together.
- The Body prays together.

LISTENING



PRAY/SILENCE

Refocus our hearts, tune into the Spirit's leading. Pause. Listen.

LOOKBACK

Keep brief.

READ & LISTEN

- One reads - others listen.
- Retell as a group.
(NOT sharing insights just yet)

READ & OBSERVE

- Another reads/others follow in bibles.
- Leaders facilitate discussion around what the Spirit is revealing to us as the gathered body.

LETTERS/WISDOM:

- WHAT HAVE WE LEARNT SO FAR?
- HOW HAS THAT PLAYED OUT IN YOUR WEEK?

NARRATIVE:

- RETELL THE STORY SO FAR.
- WHAT PART HAS SHIFTED YOUR VIEW/ACTIONS?
- WHOM DID YOU TELL AND WHAT WAS THE REACTION?

LETTERS/WISDOM:

- WHAT DOES THIS TELL US ABOUT GOD?
- WHAT IS HARD TO HEAR? WHY?
- HOW DO WE LIVE IN LIGHT OF THIS?
(AS ADOPTED AMBASSADORS)

NARRATIVE:

- WHAT DOES THIS TELL US ABOUT GOD?
- WHAT DOES THIS TELL US ABOUT HUMANITY?
- HOW IS THE SPIRIT LEADING US TO RESPOND?

LOOK FORWARD

- PRAY IN RESPONSE TO WHAT THE SPIRIT HAS BEEN SAYING.
(SPIRIT OBEDIENCE)

COMMUNION

- REMEMBERING TOGETHER THAT JESUS IS BOTH KING & SAVIOUR. (OUR IDENTITIES)
- WE ARE MORE BROKEN AND MORE LOVED THAN WE COULD KNOW. (FATHER'S HEART)

RESPONDING



GATHERED.CHURCH

CULTURAL NORMS

- SHARE IN SENTENCES, NOT PARAGRAPHS.
- STAY IN THE PASSAGE BEING READ.
- GIVE PEOPLE TIME TO RESPOND. SILENCE IS OK.
- DISCUSSION TIME, NOT TEACH/PREACHING TIME.
- BE QUICK TO LISTEN (TO THE SPIRIT) AND SLOW TO SPEAK (OUR OPINIONS).
- NOT ALL QUESTIONS NEED TO HAVE AN ANSWER.