

BASIC STRUCTURE FOR GATHERING AROUND JESUS

CONNECT



WITH EACH OTHER & GOD

Catch up, encourage and pray with one another.

- The Body can sing together.
- The Body can share how God has been at work.

LISTEN



REFLECT (Keep brief)

READ & LISTEN

- One reads - others listen.
- Retell as a group.
(try not to share insights just yet)

READ & OBSERVE

- Read again - open bibles
- Leaders facilitate discussion

RESPOND



LOOK FORWARD

- Pray in response to what the Spirit has been saying.

COMMUNION

- How has this been Good News to you this week?
- Remember Jesus as both King & Saviour.

LETTERS/WISDOM:

- What have we learnt so far?
- How has that played out in your week?

NARRATIVE:

- Retell the story so far.
- What has shifted your views/actions?
- Whom did you tell and what was the reaction?

QUESTIONS

- What does this tell us about God?
- What does this tell us about humanity?
- What is hard to hear? Why?
- How do we live in light of this?

HELPFUL CULTURAL NORMS

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

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