

## Fellowship Circle Resources - Topics: Church and Religion

Chalice and Opening words

Check-in/sharing

Reading/Topic:

"Very early a few mornings ago, I fell out of bed. It was not -- I repeat not -- an ordinary event. I don't recall ever having done so before. And I hope I'll not do it again. How did it happen? I didn't know. I wasn't even awake until I began to fall.

"Then I thought of a little squib from a church newsletter of at least a generation ago: 'People fall out of church for the same reason that children fall out of bed: they fall asleep too near the place where they get in.' That's the reason. I fell asleep too near the place where I got in." Gordon McKeeman (UU minister)

Questions for Discussion:

Do you feel that you are near the "edge of the bed" in terms of your understanding of our faith? Or are you closer to the middle?

What might it feel like to be closer to the center? What do you need to make that transition?

Likes and wishes

Check-on

Closing

May we always explore new edges on our lives, but may we not fall asleep there. May we have the energy and courage to go deeper and further in. In a bed, as in a religion, edges are necessary. An edge is an all right place, but it's not for sleeping.

Notes on the session