

Fellowship Circle Resources - Topics: The Power of Small Groups

Opening Words & Chalice Lighting

"The central task of the religious community is to unveil the bonds that bind each to all. There is a connectedness, a relationship discovered amid the particulars of our own lives and the lives of others." (Mark Morrison-Reed, VU minister)

Check-in

The facilitator should briefly explain confidentiality/anonymity, that this is not the time for cross conversation, etc. Depending on how many people are in the group, determine a per-person limit so that the whole group can be finished in 30 minutes.

Focus: the power of small groups

The facilitator begins the conversation, and helps keep it focused yet moving, with questions such as: --what have been your experiences with groups in your life? --what was positive about them? --were there ever problems? --what made them work?

--what are you looking for in small groups here?

Note: you don't have to ask all of the questions, nor do you have to limit yourself to these examples.

Likes and Wishes- Check On

This is to be done in the large group when the smaller groups come back together.

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