

Gathering Question

Group members take turns answering the gathering question, designed to help folks get to know each other better in classic ice-breaker fashion. Each one shares briefly before the group takes up the primary conversation for this particular time together.

Share briefly about a time when you thought you might die (literally or figuratively) and what that experience revealed for you.

Communal Reading

A volunteer reads aloud the Scripture text(s) selected for each session. Listeners may name for the group a word or phrase that stood out in this communal reading, before personal sharing and conversation begins.

The former priests were many in number, because they were prevented by death from continuing in office; but Jesus holds his priesthood permanently, because he continues forever. Consequently he is able for all time to save those who approach God through him, since he always lives to make intercession for them. For it was fitting that we should have such a high priest, holy, blameless, undefiled, separated from sinners, and exalted above the heavens. — Hebrews 7:23–28

Sharing and Conversation

Facilitators invite sharing of personal experiences and stories around faith and community. Group members practice generous listening and self-awareness in order to create welcoming space and plentiful time for everyone to participate, as each feels led.

Name a concrete way you might live your life differently if you did not worry about death or feel preoccupied with your own creaturely survival.

Imagine how it would feel to trust fully in God's provision for you, through Jesus Christ. What personal burdens might you decide to lay down?

What daily pressures might soften in the face of this perfect love, always beside you and inviting you to know greater wholeness and peace?

What practice or habit might you explore in this season, to try on this frame of mind for a while?

Who might be a spiritual friend that could help support you with this experiment?

Closing Prayer

Each gathering concludes with a time of prayer, suited to group disposition. Whether the group embraces a rotating practice of sharing personal favorites, joining in The Lord's Prayer, or inviting several moments for intercessions and thanksgivings, this time of caring strengthens the connections we know through the love of Jesus Christ, expressed in human community.