BASIC STRUCTURE FOR GATHERING AROUND JESUS



CONNECTING

WITH EACH OTHER

(Safe space, voluntary sharing only)

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

Pray for one another

WITH GOD

- The Body sings together
- The Body prays together

QUESTIONS FOR LOOKBACK

LETTERS/WISDOM READINGS:

- What have we (previously) learnt?
- How has that played out in your week?

NARRATIVE READINGS:

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



LISTENING

PRAY/SILENCE

• One of the Facilitators - refocus hearts, tune into Spirit's leading for us a gathering

LOOKBACK

• Keep brief

READ & LISTEN

- One reads others listen (Bibles closed)
- Retell story/content as a group (not sharing insights just yet)

READ & OBSERVE

- Another person reads, others can follow along in bibles
- Leaders facilitate discussion around what the Spirit is revealing specifically our gathering (in this place/time)

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.



RESPONDING

LOOK FORWARD

 Pray in response to what the Spirit has been saying specifically to us as a gathering

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)

READ & OBSERVE

QUESTIONS LETTERS/WISDOM:

- What does this tell us about God?
- What is hard to hear? Why?
- As Adopted/Ambassadors how do we live in light of this?

QUESTIONS NARRATIVE:

- What does this tell us about God?
- What does this tell us about humanity?
- How is the Spirit leading us to respond?