

## ***FAITH JOURNEY***

### **INSTRUCTIONS FOR GROUP LEADERS**

1. Open with a prayer; include asking God to guide the discussion.
2. Ask someone to take notes of any prayer requests.
3. Ask if someone would read the verse; otherwise, read the verse yourself and the first question.
4. Facilitate the discussions by letting the others speak, but do not require anyone to speak.
5. If you feel you must talk because no one else will, remain silent. Pray.
6. Reject the temptation to dominate the discussion, however strong it is. Develop a signal with your co-leader to alert each other if one of you begins talking too much. Repeating the question may be one way.
7. If you find someone else is dominating the discussion, politely reaffirm their point and restate the question asking for others' thoughts.
8. Be mindful of the presence of the Holy Spirit and pay attention.
9. The point of the weekend is for the church members to get to know each other better and grow together, not to know you better.
10. Be aware of the time. If the discussion is lively or thoughtful, don't feel pressured to have the group answer all the questions. Bring the discussion to an end with enough time to pray at the end.
11. Close with a prayer circle, beginning with those prayer needs that were identified during the group. Give those who don't care to pray aloud the opportunity to pray silently then signal the next person they are finished (hand squeeze, for example).
12. Dismiss your group for the evening and remind them of the times of the services on Sunday and that you and your co-leader are available for prayer.

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**Romans 1:12** *that is, that you and I may be mutually encouraged by each other's faith.*

### DISCUSSION

1. What impacted you this weekend?
2. How do you feel called to serve God?
3. When has God given you an opportunity to tell someone what He has done in your life?