

SMALL GROUP MINISTRY SESSION TEN: PRAYER

OPENING WORDS

"Spirit of life and love, that lives in us and in all people, be present with us this day. Help us to be grateful for all that we have, grateful for this time of connection, grateful for these friends, and for all who enrich our lives. Spirit of life, be present with us as compassion, that we may open our hearts, listen with care, and be truly present with one another. Spirit of life, be present with us as generosity of spirit that we may meet the world with good will. Be present with us as vision, so that we may see beyond this moment and beyond the limits of our own day to day concerns and remember, once again, that we are a part of a larger world, and all that lives therein. Amen."

- Calvin O. Dane

CHECK IN

Current state of physical or spiritual health
Joys or concerns about loved ones
Concerns/excitement about what is happening in our lives

REVIEW COVENANT

...and possible service project-front gardens

BREAK

DISCUSSION

Human prayer is as old as the oldest evidence we have of human activity. Prayers come in different forms: communal, personal, ritual, civic, petitionary (other...?). And we come with different experiences, different expectations, different attitudes toward prayer. Share your understanding of prayer, the experiences which have gone into that understanding, and if you were to have a prayer life, what you imagine that might be like.

CHECK OUT

What did you like about this meeting? What do you wish had been different?

CLOSING WORDS

"As we leave this place and this company, may the fellowship of this circle carry us forward, remind us of that which we hold to be most sacred and encourage us in every hour, until such time as we meet again. Amen."