

# SMALL GROUP MINISTRY SESSION TWELVE: MENTORS

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## OPENING WORDS

"In the struggles we choose for ourselves, in the ways we move forward in our lives and bring the world forward with us, it is right to remember the names of those who gave us strength in this choice of living. It is right to name the power of hard lives well-lived. We share a history with those lives. We belong to same motion. They too were strengthened by what had gone before. They too were drawn on by the vision of what might come to be. Those who lived before us, who struggled for justice and suffered injustice before us, have not melted into dust and have not disappeared, they are with us still. The lives they lived hold us steady. Their words remind us and call us back to ourselves. Their courage and love evoke our own. We carry them with us: we are their voices, their hands, their hearts. We take them with us, and with them, choose the deeper path of living."

- They Are With Us Still by Kathleen McTigue

## 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

## BREAK

## DISCUSSION

Human beings learn how to be human beings. All of us have learned the most startling and important lessons of life from those around us. And for each of us, at some time, some person or persons have touched our lives in deep and formative ways. Who have your mentors been? How has your life been shaped and changed by their example?

## CHECK OUT

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

## CLOSING WORDS

"May the light around us guide our footsteps, and hold us fast to the best and most righteous that we seek. May the darkness around us nurture our dreams and give us rest so that we may give ourselves to the work of our world. Let us seek to remember the wholeness of our lives, the weaving of light and shadow in this great and astonishing dance in which we move." - Kathleen McTigue