

Small Group Ministry Session Forty-One: Timelines

Materials: Appropriate paper, crayons or colored pencils.

OPENING WORDS

“We are here to follow the promptings of our deepest heart./ We are here with expectations, alive, spoken and unspoken./ We are here because we are human./ Creatures of Solitude and communion./ Wanting wholeness, knowing brokenness./ We meet here once again to remind ourselves of what we already know./ We open ourselves to word, story, song./ To whatever breaks in upon us or summons us to speak or act./ Our time together affects our time apart./ We want to participate, to be known, to be loved./ We know limits, yet so much is possible...” -- Mark Belletini

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

REVIEW PROGRESS OF THE CIRCLE

DISCUSSION

Create a religious timeline. Divide a line into sections, one for each of your decades of life, plus the decades you expect to live. Draw pictures for each decade representing how you understood God or felt about religion during each of those periods, plus how you hope to experience your religious life in the decades to come. (20 minutes)

Then share.

CHECK OUT

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

CLOSING WORDS

“Take courage friends.

The way is often hard, the path is never clear,
and the stakes are high.

Take courage.

For deep down, there is another truth.

You are not alone.”

--Wayne B. Arnason