



Faith Groups

Sharing our Lives, Growing in Faith

A Gathering of the Episcopal Diocese of Newark January 29-30, 2021

Agenda

Friday, January 29

- 6:50 pm Gathering
- 7:00 pm Bishop's Welcome and Presentation Bishop Hughes
Introduction to Breakout Groups Canon Clark and Cynthia McChesney
- 7:30 pm Faith Group Experience
Break gathering into groups of 10 or less, incl. a designated facilitator
During group time, facilitator will lead group through the four steps of:
Gather (in this case brief introductions) *approx. 8mins*
Share about God in your life ("Share a moment that you have felt the
nearness of God recently" or similar) approx. 24mins
Reflect on Scripture and wisdom – on Isaiah 43:19 and Bishop's
presentation approx. 24mins
Pray together about the thanksgivings, hopes, needs of group members
and others approx. 16mins
- 8:45 pm Compline and Conclude

Saturday, January 30

- 8:50 am Gathering
- 9:00 am Welcome Bishop Hughes
Session 1: The What and Why of Faith Groups
 Goals and Purpose of Faith Groups Clark/McChesney
 Video from Epiphany, Seattle
 Responses – Friday Night, Video
 What Faith Groups are **not**

 What Faith Groups **are:** Characteristics
 The Rev. Grant Mansfield and Paul Shackford
 Four elements to a group meeting
 What does a group look like?
 10:40 am Responses and Questions

10:55 am Break

11:00 am **Session 2: How and Next Steps**

I'm excited! What do I do next?

Joy Manasse and Canon Wright

- Sharing the news
- Forming Groups
- Groups as a Congregational Ministry
- How Churches Support Faith Group Ministry
- Learning More

Who makes a good group facilitator?

Martha Boughner and Cynthia McChesney

Role of the coordinator

Clark/Manasse

Additional Resources

Wright

11:40 am Discussion

11:50 am Noonday Prayer and Conclude