

SYNOD Group Meeting Facilitation Guide

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| 1 | Open Prayer | <p>We stand before You, Holy Spirit, as we gather together in Your name.</p> <p>With You alone to guide us, make Yourself at home in our hearts; Teach us the way we must go and how we are to pursue it.</p> <p>We are weak and sinful; do not let us promote disorder. Do not let ignorance lead us down the wrong path nor partiality influence our actions.</p> <p>Let us find in You our unity so that we may journey together to eternal life and not stray from the way of truth and what is right.</p> <p>All this we ask of You, who are at work in every place and time, in the communion of the Father and the Son, forever and ever.</p> <p>Amen.</p> |
| 2 | Scripture Reading | From Suggested Readings |
| 3 | Round 1 | <p>Each person speaks in turn everyone listens. Facilitator captures points on 1st colour post-it.</p> <p>Use available questions as an aid.</p> <p>As each person talks capture further points and group similar ideas together.</p> |
| 4 | Pray | <p>Thank God for each person in the group and for the wisdom that has been captured. Ask the Holy Spirit to guide our feelings.</p> <p>Allow group members time to pray out loud if the wish.</p> |
| 5 | Round 2 | <p>How did you feel?</p> <p>Go around the group allowing people to describe how they feel. Each person speaks in turn everyone listens. Capture each point on 2nd post-it colour.</p> <p>Group similar points together into themes. Possibly match feelings to points captured in round 1.</p> |
| 6 | Pray | <p>Thank God for talking to us through our thoughts and through the thoughts of those in the group.</p> |
| 7 | Themes | Talk through the themes created and name them |
| 8 | Final Prayer | <p>Thank you Father God for this opportunity to listen to one another and Your Holy Spirit. May the thoughts and feeling we have offered enlighten Your Church through the Synodal process as we discern your will for the good of all your people? We ask this through Christ our Lord who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit one God for ever and ever. Amen</p> |