

A Listening Life *Small-Group Experience* of Newberg Friends Church

Leader Guide – Weekly Gathering

John 14 **For the week of March 26** by Steve Fawver

Opening (5 minutes)

Take time as leaders to welcome people and set a tone of joy and openness in community.

Check-in Time (15 minutes)

Invite people to share about their week.

Centering Worship (10 minutes)

Invite people to be silent for a few moments.

Now invite people to listen as you read Psalm 8.

Invite someone to offer a spoken prayer on behalf of your group as you continue to listen to Christ together.

Sharing (15 minutes)

Feel free to use any of the following questions for this time:

Where have you experienced God this week?

What stood out to you as you used the exercises this week?

What exercise or section of Scripture caught your attention and why?

How have you been intentional in creating space to listen to Christ this week?

Stepping Stones (10 minutes)

Encourage the one who is on for this week to share. Remind the group to listen well and be praying for this person. You may or may not want to take some time to pray as a group for the individual who shares.

Group Listening Practice (40 minutes)

Invite people to read John 14:11-17 four or five times through and then sit with these words in silence.

(Leave 5-6 minutes of space)

Invite people to grab their journal if they want and to read John 14:11-17 once more, considering the following question:

What is Jesus saying to you through these words?

(Leave 4-5 minutes of space)

Invite people to consider the following question:

What desires does Jesus have for you that surface as you sit with these words?

(Leave 4-5 minutes of space)

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Invite people to gather in groups of 2 or 3 (whichever seems best for your group) and share what they are hearing and sensing from Christ. Take time to pray for each other.

(Leave 15 minutes of space)

Invite people to gather back together. Read John 14:25-27 as a blessing for the group. This is a powerful affirmation of the presence and power of Christ. May this be true for us!

Invite people to share as led.

Closing (5 minutes)

Remind people to continue to watch for God's leading and presence as they go through the week. Pay attention to what Jesus is calling us to join with him in doing in his name—and do this!

Hand out next week's materials.