



Leader Guide – Weekly Gathering

How Is the Listening? • for groups gathering March 30–April 5, 2008

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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)

Use a check-in question of your choice, or have people share about spring break if they did anything different last week.

Centering Worship (10 minutes)

Read Psalm 95:1-7, and leave a few moments of silence:

Come, let us sing for joy to the LORD; let us shout aloud to the Rock of our salvation. Let us come before him with thanksgiving and extol him with music and song. For the LORD is the great God, the great King above all gods. In his hand are the depths of the earth, and the mountain peaks belong to him. The sea is his, for he made it, and his hands formed the dry land. Come, let us bow down in worship, let us kneel before the LORD our Maker; for he is our God and we are the people of his pasture, the flock under his care.

Sharing (15 minutes)

Questions you might use during this time:

- Where have you experienced God this week?
- Ask group members to look back over their journals and share some things that catch their attention.
- What did you notice (sense, feel, think, learn) this week as we gathered for worship?

Group Listening Practice (40 minutes)

Watch the DVD "Be Still," and use this as a jumping off point for discussion and sharing. You may want to use the following questions:

- Where are you creating space to "be still" in your life?
- What practices are you finding helpful in creating space to listen to God?
- What part of the video caught your attention?

Closing (5 minutes)

Encourage each other to find time to "be still" this week.