

October- Session 2, ACTS 2:42 Eucharistic Revival Small Group

Two-hour Session, 7-9 p.m., adjust to your meeting time as needed.

7:00 Welcome/Gathering Time

- Serve coffee, water, or wine

7:10 Opening Prayer

- The opening prayer can be found on page 21 in the participant book. Begin with the sign of the cross and read the prayer to the group and allow time for any specific intentions from the group.

7:15 Your Choice- Mixer or God Sightings

If your group is mostly new to each other, offering another mixer will help the group get to know one another. If most of the group have been friends for many years, skip this and go right to the God Sightings. If you like mixers and want to participate even though your groups know each other, it will simply make the game a little harder to get away with the lie.

Two Truths and a Lie. Announce: "Let's find out who the best liar in our group is. No pressure though, it is more to have fun and learn something about the other people in our group."

Each person needs a half sheet of paper or 3 x 5 card, and a pencil or pen. The idea is that you write down two true statements about yourself. For example, I have four children, our family enjoys camping or I have been a parishioner at this parish my entire life. Any two true statements.

Then you write one lie. It could be that you camped in the wilderness of Alaska and were chased by a brown bear. However, people might guess that to be a lie, so keep it simple. I went to Alaska on a ten-day camping trip. Maybe you went for five days or maybe you have always wanted to go but have not been. Either way, it needs to be a lie.

Once everyone has their three statements, two truths and one lie, then you go one person at a time and read the three statements. Then go around the

room and each person says which one they think is the lie. Keep track and the one that fools the most is the best liar. A fun activity that helps people learn more about their small group members.

7:35 God Sightings- Remind the group about the description on page 12. Invite the group to share some of ways they have found God in their daily lives over the past month. Any new breakthroughs, beginnings or struggles in your life where you see God at work? This time might start slow, as some people may feel uncomfortable sharing, but it will be easier for people each month. Each Host Team Member should have an example to share on this second night and possibly each month if others are slow to share.

7:50 Read pages 22-23. Before you get to the questions in the booklet, you may just ask, what sticks out to you in this reading? This often leads to faith sharing and theological reflection, which is reflecting on the wisdom of God from our various life perspectives and experiences.

8:00 Discuss the five questions on page 23-24.

8:15 Play Bishop Medley's Video

8:25 Discussion Questions:

1. What did you hear in Bishop's message?
2. What are some parallels between the family table and the altar at Mass?
3. Bishop said, "The function of the altar is to bring together the human and divine." How have you experienced this reality? How is this God's provision for us?

8:35 Closing Song & Prayer- First, play the song "Look Beyond" by Ed Jansen. You can get this from our website or search for it on YouTube and play it from there. The lyrics are shown on the screen as well. Additionally, the lyrics are in the October resource folder and can be printed off if desired. Then turn to page 25 and close with prayer. In the future, feel free to lead a spontaneous prayer or to invite others to close the evening with prayer as they feel led or willing.

8:40 Announcements:

1. Our next meeting is _____. Would someone like to bring a dessert next time?
2. Any parish announcements of events coming up this month? (Perhaps ask the Parish Office for any announcements and/or have one or two things you are aware of.)
3. Turn to page 72 in your booklet. We invite you to visit the website at Owensboro.org/eucharistic-revival or to take a picture of the QR code and learn more about local celebrations. We will soon post the process on how tickets will be made available for the Eucharistic Congress July 17-21, 2024.
4. Please pray for the people in our small group often and for all those participating across the Diocese in an Acts 2:42 group.

8:40 Social time

Plan to have a dessert to share with the group and encourage people to stick around and enjoy one another's company.

9:00 End

If anyone is slow to leave, and you have a little extra time, encourage them to stay for a bit. It is such a blessing to others when we make time to get to know them and share about life and faith. If you need to get up early the next morning, it is good to have some boundaries, so you are not up too late.

How did your evening go? Do you have any group dynamic questions that you are wondering about? Were there any shared questions or concerns among the group that you might want to share with our Acts 2:42 Coordinating Team? Any request for further information on a specific topic related to the Eucharist?

Please contact Jeff with any questions or input. God bless your gathering.