**September- Session 1, 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 Song & Prayer

* Play the song, “Bread of Life” with the youtube link provided here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QZgYcIvqgHU> The lyrics are included on the screen, but you can also print them off for participants to follow along if you choose. The link and lyrics can be found in the Resource Materials Tab in the September folder.
* Following the song, turn to page 14 in the participant book and begin with the prayer offered and allow time for any specific intentions from the group.

7:20 Group Mixer- First night only to allow people to get to know one another and break the ice.

The directions in the participant book are on page 15. Simply reiterate these instructions and encourage people to take as much as they like. Do NOT give the following instructions until everyone has their TP. This can bring some humor into the gathering as some people may have taken a handful and others may only have three sheets. Inform the group that they are to say one thing about themselves for each sheet they have taken. Some might be overwhelmed, but you go first and show them how easy it is. Add in fun details along the way to add some fun. 😊

1. My name is \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
2. I have lived in \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ for the past \_\_\_\_ years.
3. I have been married to \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ for \_\_\_\_\_ years.
4. We have \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ children.
5. I work at \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

7:40 God Sightings- Go to page 12 and read the “God Sightings” description. 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 this, but it will be easier for people each month. Each Host Team Member should have an example to share on this first night and possibly each month if others are slow to share.

7:55 Read pages 15-17 and pause for a minute after the first paragraph on page 17, where it says to “put yourself in this place… picture the room.” Encourage the group to close their eyes and picture the room. Say the following: “As Jesus and the disciples gathered for the Passover meal, they would be seated on the floor around the table. Try to enter the scene and watch as this reading is proclaimed. What do you see, experience, and feel?” Again, pause for 15 seconds and then proclaim the Scripture reading from Matthew’s gospel.

8:00 Discuss the four questions on page 18-19.

8:15 Play Bishop Medley’s Video

8:25 Discussion Questions:

1. What struck you in Bishop’s Reflection?
2. Why are the table and altar often used simultaneously?
3. In the four commands of Jesus, what challenges you most?
   1. Take and eat.
   2. Take and drink.
   3. Do this in remembrance of me
   4. As I have done, so you must do

8:35 Closing Prayer- Turn to page 20 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.

8:38 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. Regarding our Acts 2:42 Small Groups, the Diocesan Coordinator is open to suggestions, questions, and feedback. As the Host Team, we will be happy to communicate any input back to him or his name and email address is on page 78.
4. Please pray for the people in our small group and for all those participating across the Diocese.

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?

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