

# Call To Worship Resources

## Scripture Reading:

Display/read a scripture in several different Bible translations. Get different people to read out a translation (with meaning). Ask what stood out in each verse or version. Ask people to think about how the verse impacts our worship, faith walk, the Gospel, our relationships etc. Pray around the scripture.

## Lectio Divina:

This is a historic and reflective way of reading scripture. Someone reads a scripture and people are asked to listen out for a word or phrase that stands out to them. Ask people to silently contemplate the word or phrase. Ask people to speak the word/phrase to themselves, repeating it slowly a few times. Then ponder on the meaning of the word or phrase, why has it stood out to you, what does it mean to you. You could put people into small groups to discuss the meaning of the word or phrase. Lastly, pray about the word/phrase, its impact on the individual, and what they need to do/think/learn about the word/phrase.

## Eye Object:

Direct people to bring an object to the group (it could be thematic, like money, a kitchen item, or jewellery - or it could be a random object). Ask people to think about the item in silence for a period of time; considering what the Holy Spirit is saying about the object and how it relates to us, faith, ministry, relationships etc. (have some quiet, non-lyric music playing in the background). Ask people to feedback in small groups or on screen depending on time.

## Jeremiah 17:7-8:

Ask people to come with a sketch of a tree, with roots, a trunk, branches and leaves. Read the scripture in Jeremiah out from a few different translations. Ask people to think about their roots. How their faith was formed, people, scriptures, places that were involved in their salvation. Ask them to think about the things that are important to help them grow foundational and strong roots. They should write these things on the bottom of the page by the roots. *(you could research the importance of each part of the tree and how it relates to our faith; ie, for a tree to stand in storms, its roots should be twice as wide as the height of the tree)*

Then ask people to think about the trunk, what do they need to continue to grow strong and tall in faith? People, devotional habits, practices etc. write these alongside the tree trunk.

Think about the branches, what is your faith growing in you? How is it changing you, what is it teaching you, how are you branching out in your faith walk?

Lastly consider the leaves and fruit, how is your faith walk nourishing, feeding, offering comforting shade to others?



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## **Songs:**

Display/read a song of hymn. Get people to read the lyrics. Think about what the song means to each person. Think about what words, lines stand out to people. Ask how the song impacts our faith, worship, relationships. Pray around the theme and lyrics of the song.

## **Videos:**

Play a song from Youtube. Ask people to mute their microphones and worship in their own space. Ask people to bring spontaneous worship and reflections from the song in the group. Ask how the song impacts individuals. Ask how the song impacts our faith, worship, relationships etc. Pray around the theme/lyrics of the song.

## **Song Stories:**

Research songs that have a background to them. Play the song, then tell people the story behind the song. Play the song again, and ask people how the story behind the song impacted how they heard it the second time. How can the song and song story encourage us in our own faith walk?

Examples of songs to look up: It is Well with my Soul; In Christ Alone; Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus

## **Testimonies:**

Ask someone to share a testimony about how they came to faith, or something God has done in their life. Then ask people how hearing the testimony impacted them. what the testimony tells us about the character of God and what we can learn from it.

## **Prayer of Examen:**

Ask people to think about the past week and list some of the things that they can remember from the week; experiences, people, highs and lows. Then ask people to mark the highs and the lows of the week on the list.

Have a few moments of reflections for people to consider the impact that some of those moments have had.

Encourage people to pray silently about the low points, ask God for help, understanding, direction, wisdom etc.

Encourage people to give thanks for the highs and noticing that He is present in all things.

Put people into small groups to share and pray about one notable thing from their week.

*(Remind people that we have a listening service and wellbeing team if they need further support).*