



Session 4 - Materials:

- Device to play a YouTube video
 - Possibly speakers
- Bible, if you don't have one it is all available on USCCB.org
- Handout: Scripture Reflection notes
- CRS Rice Bowl
- Loaf or piece of bread.

Greeting and Gathering

***Welcome** everyone as usual. Tell them how sad you are that this is the last formal meeting together and offer the idea that you can continue forward meeting as a community if they would like. Leave that thought for discussion after tonight's session. **Reassure** them that anything shared in the group will remain confidential, and that everyone is invited to share as much as they feel comfortable sharing. **Explain** to them that tonight's session will be about beginning to unpack what it means to be Given. You will begin with prayer and then open the group to share with one another. **Invite** someone to lead the opening prayer.*

Opening Prayer

May we become at all times, both now and forever
A protector for those without protection
A guide for those who have lost their way
A ship for those with oceans to cross
A sanctuary for those in danger
A lamp for those without light
A place of refuge for those who lack shelter
And a servant to all in need.

AMEN

Weekly Questions

Where was I taken today? This week?

Where was I blessed? broken?

Where was I given?



Video

Watch this video.

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OAd06_3KcSY&feature=related

Allow time to share and discuss the video. Encourage people to share honestly their responses to what Henri offers.

Scripture Reflection

John 12:23-26

Before beginning ask for two volunteers to read aloud.

Tell participants that this is a time to listen to scripture.

Encourage them to avoid thinking about what the text means and to rather focus on imagining themselves at the table with Jesus, they should focus on the words of the text.

Give everyone the Handout “Scripture reflection notes” and have them answer the questions as they listen along

*Read the story twice. Tell the readers that they should pause for **about 2 minutes** between readings (this will feel like a very long time). Cue the second reader when it is time for him/her to start.*

After the readings are done allow for a silent reflection and journaling time.

*Break the silence by inviting people to share from the scripture reflection or any other thoughts. Not everyone has to share. **Be comfortable with silence.***

Reflect/Share/Discuss

Henri says in his lecture “How can you be fruitful without dying?” What does that mean to you?

Are you given to the world? For whom are you given?

Does anything keep you from pouring yourself out to the world?

Are there people to whom you’d rather not give?

Do you think your giving changes the world?

As the sharing time draws to a close be sure to check your time and offer this quote as a way to draw the sharing to a close.

You have just heard in Christ’s Gospel that one must not love oneself so much as to avoid getting involved in the risks of life that history demands of us, and that those who fend off danger will lose their lives. But whoever out of love for Christ gives themselves to the service of others will live, like the grain of wheat that dies, but only apparently. If it did not die, it would remain alone... Only in dying does it produce the harvest. – *Oscar Romero*



Closing Ritual

Matthew 26:26-30

Luke 22:14-19

John 15:9-17

You and I are the beloved daughters and sons of God.

We are not what we do.

We are not what we have.

We are not what others think about us.

We are the beloved.

We take this bread. We bless it. We break it. And we give it to one another. (*As you read this line break the bread and pass it around the group*)

As we receive this bread say: I am Taken, I am Blessed, I am Broken, and I am Given

*Once everyone has received **Close** with a Sign of Peace. Likely everyone will offer whatever sign you first give. I recommend a hug.*

***Thank** everyone for their participation this lent. You might bring up meeting regularly again. Encourage everyone to continue with the daily reflections. Allow some time for other closing thoughts or announcements. **Make** any announcements about the fifth session after Easter at the Romero Center, allow for others to make announcements about things they are involved with.*



Scripture Reflection notes

Passage:

Where is the setting?

Who are the Characters?

What is the plot?

What is the conflict?

What details strike you?

What do you not like about this passage? Why?

Where do you see yourself in the passage? Who are you in this passage?

How does this passage speak to your own life?

How does this passage speak to your relationship to God?