

Sharing Faith Together

The Question of the Week

Breaking Open the Word

Week of _____ (date)

_____ Sunday in _____ (Season of the year)

1. The Call to Prayer

Leader: My friends, let's pause to spend a few moments in prayer and conversation with each other. [Lead all in the Sign of the Cross] + In the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

2. The Word of God

Leader: May the Lord be in our hearts as we recall and re-listen to a reading from last Sunday's Liturgy of the Word.

[Re-read all or part of one of the readings from the Sunday liturgy.]

3. The Two Faith Sharing Questions

Leader: As we consider this Sacred Scripture, I invite you to think about it in two dimensions. [You may wish to work in small groups if your number is large.]

- First, ask about the text itself, to draw attention to the Scripture.
 - What word or phrase in this text caught your ear?
 - What story did you hear, or what image did you get?
 - What touched you as you heard this reading?
- Second, when the first sharing is complete, ask about the people's lives.
 - Use this "Question of the Week" to help people get started sharing faith:
 - Here insert a Question specific to this week's readings

4. The Prayer. At the end of the sharing period, invite folks to pray in one of the following ways:

- The Lord's Prayer out loud together
- Spontaneous prayers
- A moment of silent prayer
- Listen to a recorded hymn