

Unitarian Universalist Small Group Ministry Network Website
“Ministry”
Covenant Group Curriculum, River of Grass Unitarian Universalist
Congregation, Davie, FL

Opening Meditation/Music/Silence/Chalice Lighting (whichever one(s) you choose to do)

Opening Words:

“Ministry is where your deep hunger meets the world’s deep need.” (**Facilitator: maybe repeat this, because it’s brief, but rich in meaning.**)

- Frederick Buechner

Check-in/Sharing

Topic/Readings:

Facilitator: please read this quote aloud and ask the folks assembled to reflect for a moment in silence, before the discussion begins, on ways that they have found their ministry or their calling in life. If people have issues with the word “ministry” ask them what words might be more appropriate to discovering and describing their gifts. Don’t get too hung up on the words, but try and reflect on the meaning of how we know that our gifts help us know our true voice and purpose.

“Here is one way to envision ourselves. Each of us is like a gift package from God. Inside this package are many treasures, many gift components. This particular combination of elements is so unique that not one of us has ever been replicated in human history. Not two people ever have identical gifts. Our giftedness includes our personality type, interests, motivations, life experiences, and our hopes and dreams.

A popular saying reminds us that ‘God does not make junk.’ Each of us has been created as a uniquely gifted person. Our gifts complement and combine with those of others in the human family. All are needed.”

- Jean Morris Trumbauer

Likes and Wishes/Feedback

Closing Words:

“The things that matter most in our lives are not fantastic or grand. They are moments when we touch one another, when we are there in the most attentive and caring way. This simple and profound intimacy is the love that we all long for. The moments of touching and being touched can become a foundation for a path with heart, and they take place in the most immediate and direct way. Mother Theresa put it like this, ‘In this life we cannot do great things. We can only do small things with love.’ ”

- Jack Kornfield

Amen. May you live in blessing.