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Small Group Ministry Session

OOPS Moment

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Candle Lighting and Opening Words:

“It was on fire when I lay down on it”....OOPS!
Robert Fulgham’s title for one of his books.

Check In:

How full is your empathy reservoir?

Reading:

I recently participated in a Story Slam during which 10 stories (including mine, were told onstage and judged by 5 judges who each rated our stories on a scale of 1 to 10. The topic was OOPS! The winner was invited to share their OOPS Story at the local Story Telling Festival. It was riveting to hear the range of topics, amusing, poignant, chilling, ridiculous...it prompted me to inquire of our leader, Diane Haines, if she thought it would be fun to explore the OOPS topic at a future Covenant meeting. And here we are, ready to share our stories without judgement, interruption, or distraction. No one will hold up a card with an assessment. Feel free to applaud after each speaker once they have concluded their OOPS!

Phyllis Beckman

Question:

Recall moments that evoked an OOPS in your life, that you remember and are willing to share. Did any affect or change you or anyone else in any way? How? Think “oopsie daisy”.

Should any time remain after everyone has finished, questions or comments can be shared. Invite the whole group to join in.

Closing Words:

UFF DA! (Norwegian Benediction)