

Unitarian Universalist Small Group Ministry Network Website
Small Group Ministry Program
Resources Milestones
Unitarian Universalist Church in Eugene, OR

CHALICE OR CANDLE LIGHTING OR SOUND A CHIME (2 to 3 minutes for this and silence and opening words)
MOMENT OF SILENCE

OPENING WORDS

I think of a gesture of love as anything we do that helps others discover their humanity. Any act where we turn to one another. Open our hearts. Extend ourselves. Listen. Any time we're patient. Curious. Quiet. Engaged.

-Margaret J. Wheatley

CHECK-IN (up to 20 to 30 minutes total with up to 2 to 3 minutes per person)

TOPIC AND SHARING (up to 70 minutes for readings, questions, a few minutes for reflection and making notes if desired, individual sharing, optional open discussion at the end if the group agrees, with an optional 5 minute break about midway in the session)

READINGS

Money is power, freedom, a cushion, the root of all evil, the sum of blessings.

-Carl Sandburg

The lack of money is the root of all evil.

-Mark Twain

Time is the scarcest resource and unless it can be managed nothing else can be managed.

-Peter Drucker

All riches have their origin in mind. Wealth is in ideas-not money.

-Robert Collier

Never forget the three powerful resources you always have available to you: love, prayer, and forgiveness.

-H. Jackson Brown, Jr.

Great emergencies and crises show us how much greater our vital resources are than we had supposed.

-William James

When resources become skimpy, human beings don't suddenly cooperate to conserve what's left. They fight to the last scrap for possession of a diminishing resource.

-Deepak Chopra.

Effective leaders know that resources are never the problem; it's always a matter of resourcefulness.

-Tony Robbins

What you do with your resources in this life is your autobiography.

-Randy Alcorn

Who is wise? He that learns from everyone. Who is powerful? He that governs his passions. Who is rich? He that is content. Who is that? Nobody?

-Benjamin Franklin

QUESTIONS (Please respond to whichever question or questions you feel moved to answer. It is not necessary to respond to all of the questions. You may also respond to any of the readings that you find to be particularly meaningful.)

1. What have been some of the milestones you have experienced related to having enough or not enough resources (economic, security, abilities, social support, education, other)?
2. What have you learned from those experiences?
3. What were you taught in your early life about money, and how do those teachings and experiences influence you now?

SHARING (up to 6 to 8 minutes each without interruption, depending on the time available, with optional open discussion at the end after all have shared)

ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS (up to 5-10 minutes). Alternatively, this agenda item can be done after the check-in, if the group decides to do that.

-Confirm next meeting date, time, location, and topic.

-Consider discussing the service project.

-Review the SGM Covenant of Right Relationship, and ask for feedback about the SGM program and facilitation.

-Other

LIKES (celebrations, gratitudes, appreciations for needs met) and WISHES (mournings, requests, acknowledgements of needs not met)/CHECK-OUT (a few words or phrases from each who wants to share, up to 5 minutes total)

CLOSING WORDS (2 minutes for words, and closing)

As we leave one another today may we be enriched by our sharing, and may the treasures we have gained be able to enrich the lives of others.

EXTINGUISH THE CHALICE OR CANDLE OR SOUND A CHIME (and additional optional closing ritual if agreed to)

(Preparation for the facilitator. Please bring the SGM Facilitator Training Manual, paper and writing implements, the session plan, and your calendar/date book.)

Session plan prepared by the Small Group Ministry steering committee (Lyn Fischrup; Bonnie Koenig; Al Landy; Dick Loescher, chair) 2/7/14