



SESSION ONE

DISCOVER: Live life fully aware of God's presence



Scripture

*Revelation 3:20 (NRSV)
Listen! I am standing at the door, knocking; if you hear my voice and open the door, I will come in to you and eat with you, and you with me.*

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SHARE: Gift your faith moments/stories to others

LIVE: Live out your faith through prayers, presence, gifts, service, & witness



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Practice Lab

Questions for Group Discussion:

1. Many find that being aware routinely of God's presence is a difficult practice. Why do you think that might be the case?
2. What do you think are some common obstacles that might keep you from noticing God's presence in your life?
3. What practices have helped (or could help) you notice God's presence more readily?
4. How might an accountability partner help in beginning to discover how God is working in your life? Who might that be for you and what would that look like?

Time to Practice:

Share with your partner(s) where God is working in your life right now. Where have you seen God most recently intersecting in your life?



My Take Away



My Action Step



SESSION TWO

CATCH: Capture your faith moments/stories



Scripture

*Matthew 10:32 (CEB)
Therefore, everyone who acknowledges me before people, I also will acknowledge before my Father who is in heaven.*

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1. Why is it important to capture our "God stories" or our "faith stories?"
2. Why do you think it is difficult for some people to catch their faith stories?
3. What have you found helpful (or could find helpful) in capturing or catching our own personal faith stories?
4. Think of a time that someone has shared one of their faith stories with you. What kind of impact did it have on you and your faith journey?

Time to Practice:

Share a faith story with one another.



My Take Away



My Action Step



SESSION THREE

SHARE: Gift your faith moments/stories to others

Scripture

2 Corinthians 5:19-20 (MSG)
God has given us the task of telling everyone what he is doing. We're Christ's representatives. God uses us to persuade men and women to drop their differences and enter into God's work of making things right between them. We're speaking for Christ himself now: Become friends with God; he's already a friend with you.

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1. It is one thing for us to notice and capture our faith stories, but it is another to share our stories with others. Why do you believe sharing our stories is important to our own faith journey?
2. Why do you think it is important for others to hear our faith journey?
3. How do you think the lack of sharing our faith stories has impacted our culture over the past decade? Today?
4. What kind of impact could a church make in their local community if we were all more active in sharing our faith stories?

Time to Practice:

Share with your partner where you hang out in places of un-churched people. How are you building intentional relationships with un-churched people so that you might have the opportunity to share your faith story? Discuss how your church creates opportunities for the congregation to build relationships with the un-churched in the mission field so that faith stories might be shared.



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SESSION FOUR

LIVE: Live out your faith through prayers, presence, gifts, service, & witness



Scripture

James 1:22-24 (MSG)

Don't fool yourself into thinking that you are a listener when you are anything but, letting the Word go in one ear and out the other. Act on what you hear! Those who hear and don't act are like those who glance in the mirror, walk away, and two minutes later have no idea who they are, what they look like.

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Questions for Group Discussion:

1. What does it mean for you to live out your faith walk in your daily life?
2. How are you currently living out your faith? Where are you struggling in living out your faith through prayers, presence, gifts, service and witness?
3. Why do you think witness is typically the most difficult of the five commitments we make as a United Methodist member?
4. Why do you think "witness" was added to the United Methodist membership vow recently? Why do you think it wasn't in the vow before?

Time to Practice:

Share a short (1-2 minute) faith story with the group.



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