

## 1. Gather & Share Food / Drink 25 MINS

## 2. Worship Music 10 MINS

## 3. Read the Sunday Gospel 5 MINS

### JOHN 18:33-37

'Are you the king of the Jews?' Pilate asked. Jesus replied, 'Do you ask this of your own accord, or have others spoken to you about me?' Pilate answered, 'Am I a Jew? It is your own people and the chief priests who have handed you over to me: what have you done?'

Jesus replied, 'Mine is not a kingdom of this world; if my kingdom were of this world, my men would have fought to prevent my being surrendered to the Jews. But my kingdom is not of this kind.' 'So you are a king then?' said Pilate. 'It is you who say it' answered Jesus. 'Yes, I am a king. I was born for this, I came into the world for this: to bear witness to the truth; and all who are on the side of truth listen to my voice.'

## 4. Personal Sharing based on the Gospel 5-10 MINS

In the weeks before meeting today, a member of the group was invited to prepare a short, 5-10 minute sharing on how this Gospel reading connects with their life and relationship with Jesus. They have considered the questions below in the process of preparing their sharing:

- This short reading opens up a number of opportunities for sharing about how Jesus is King, is the source of truth and calls us to listen to his voice. Can you share a time in your life where you have felt like the adopted son or daughter of the King of the universe? Has it been in the gifts and blessings you have received? The mercy that you don't deserve but receive because of God love?
- Another important part of the sharing this week is how in your own life you try to listen to God's voice. Where do you go? How do you pray when you want to listen? Do you read scripture? Receive sacraments? Listen to trusted friends who are your fellow disciples. Can you give an example of how God has bought you to understand the truth of the Gospel? (eg truth of Gods mercy, of the need to forgive, of the need for justice, of Gods healing power, of trusting in God)

## 5. Smaller Group Discussion 20 MINS

Break into smaller sharing groups of 3-5 people and discuss the following questions.

- What really struck you from the personal sharing? Have you had a similar experience?
- Respond to the sharing prompts in section 4, to break open the Gospel.
- What has been one high point and one challenge in your faith Journey since we last met?

## 6. Prayer in Small Groups 15 MINS

Remain in your smaller discussion groups for a time of prayer.

- Conscious of what has just been shared, briefly name/describe your prayer needs.
- Intentionally call on the Holy Spirit to be present (e.g. "Come Holy Spirit, please be present as we pray")
- Move to prayers of thanks and praise to God
- Pray for each other's prayer needs. Where appropriate, you may like to encourage the group to place a hand on the shoulder of the individual that you are currently praying for.
- Conclude your prayer time with another prayer of praise, perhaps reciting the 'Glory Be' or similar prayer.

## 7. Closing Prayer 5 MINS

After you have had time to pray for one another in your smaller groups, a leader closes the evening with a final prayer in the large group.