

Session Time Frame

This is a suggested format for a typical 80 minute session: Feel free to adapt the time as needed; perhaps a section from the book will not take 20 minutes; perhaps you will need more time. Please do allow yourselves enough time for prayer and for building community.

Before Beginning Gathering/refreshments (Be sure to greet each person by name. If needed, have name tags available so that all can use first names to refer to each other.)

10 minutes Opening Prayer

Read the first scripture selection for the week. Let there be a moment of quiet. Ask group members to simply name aloud a word that spoke to them. Read the passage a second time. Ask for a phrase that had meaning for them as they listened. Pray the Evangelization Prayer together.

20 minutes Begin with the first question that relates back to the scripture passage that was used for prayer. Reflect and talk about two questions from the “Jesus in Scripture” section.

20 minutes Reflect and talk about two questions from “Jesus in the Church.”

20 minutes Reflect on two or three questions from “Jesus in the World.”

10 minutes Prayer Conclusion

Read again the scripture passage that you began with. Ask the members of the group to voice aloud a word or phrase that has new or renewed meaning for them now that they have discussed together. Allow a little silence for folks to ponder and then invite members to share prayers of petition. Each prayer might be acknowledged by a group response of “Lord, Hear Our Prayer.” Pray together the Evangelization Prayer once again.