



Group Session Planner

Suggested Meeting Duration:	90 minutes
Suggested Agenda:	<u># Minutes</u>
Welcome/Opening Synod Prayer/Overview:	5
Scripture Reading and Reflection:	10
Break into Small Groups:	5
Questions: Listening and Sharing	
Communion:	20
Participation:	20
Mission:	20
Wrap Up/Group Summaries:	<u>10</u>
Total Time:	90

To prepare for your session, print out and provide copies of Prayer for the Synod, Scripture Passage and Questions for each participant.

Suggested Procedure:

Opening

Moderator opens the session with some welcome remarks and an overview of the process for the meeting. The Prayer for the Synod is provided for the opening prayer.

Scripture Reading and Reflection

Invite each participant to read through the passage quietly and reflect on the story as a whole. Then, moderator or another reader should slowly read the passage aloud to the whole group. Invite participants to listen carefully to the reading and note what words or word pictures resonate within. Then, allow for some time following the proclamation for individual reflection and noting which words or word pictures that stand out in the reading. Now, the group is prepared to discuss the questions in light of this Scripture passage.

Break into Small Groups

Invite participants to gather into small groups of eight to ten people to facilitate listening and sharing. Select one participant to serve as moderator and one to serve as note taker for each group. Please remind the note taker to write legibly.



Questions Discussion

Questions are organized into three general categories or dimensions. Plan for 20 minutes discussion time for each category if you plan to cover all the questions.

Wrap Up/Group Summaries

To wrap up and enable the participants to hear what the whole group has to say, consider asking a representative from each small group to share a brief overview of their discussions according to each category of questions.

At the end of your listening session, Moderator should collect the group responses to submit them to the diocese. Go to the Synod website at www.diocesepb.org/Synod and enter each of the responses from your session.

Update: Due to the extension granted by the Vatican, the response deadline has been extended to February 28, 2022.

Process for Individuals:

Go to the Synod website at www.diocesepb.org/Synod and click on the link for Individual Responses. First, prayerfully read the Scripture passage, slowly and silently and then reflect on it. Then, re-read the passage aloud, taking note of the words or word pictures that resonate within you. Now, reflect on and answer the questions that follow the Scripture passage.

Please complete no later than February 28, 2022.

For those who do not have online access, you may request a copy of the Synod Questions from your parish and respond in writing to:

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Responses must be received by February 28, 2022.

All individual, group and parish level responses must be received no later than February 28, 2022. Submit at www.diocesepb.org/synod.