

Welcome

Start by spending some unstructured time together. Eventually, transition to a welcome question, either general or specific.

- General Question: What was the highlight of your past week? What was the roughest part?
- Specific Question: Do you try to listen to God? What is that like?

Lectio Divina**Listen**

- Begin with a few moments of quiet or a prayer.
- Facilitator: “During the first reading listen for specific words or phrases that grab your attention.”
- Have one person read the passage aloud.

Meditate

- Facilitator: “During the second reading meditate on the text, asking God what it means.”
- Have one person read the passage aloud.

Share

- Facilitator: “After the third reading, share out loud the word or phrase that came to you.”
- Have one person read the passage aloud.
- Take this moment to share your word or phrase.
- If you have time to go through the discussion questions, do so now.

Savor

- Facilitator: “During the fourth reading savor Let go of words, and ask God to reveal how the text might affect your life this week.”
- Have one person read the passage aloud.

John 10:22-30

It was winter, and Jesus was in the temple courts walking in Solomon’s Colonnade. The Jews who were there gathered around him, saying, “How long will you keep us in suspense? If you are the Messiah, tell us plainly.”

Jesus answered, “I did tell you, but you do not believe. The works I do in my Father’s name testify about me, but you do not believe because you are not my sheep. My sheep listen to my voice; I know them, and they follow me. I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish; no one will snatch

them out of my hand. My Father, who has given them to me, is greater than all; no one can snatch them out of my Father’s hand. I and the Father are one.”

Discuss

Take your time to discuss the following questions. Make space to let everyone speak.

- 1) What thoughts or emotions stir in you when you read this passage?
- 2) Is there anything in the text you find discouraging or encouraging?
- 3) What does this passage teach us about the nature of God?
- 4) How might this affect the way you interact with the people who make up Austin Mustard Seed? How might this affect how you interact with neighbors (literal neighbors, coworkers, friends, etc.)
- 5) What do you want to remember about this passage in the week to come?

Pray Together

Spend time praying together for hopes, dreams, joys and needs. Make sure at least one person records the prayers and sends them to the rest of the group.