

**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: What is specific thing you'd like to change about yourself?

**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.

**Revelation 21:22-27**

*I did not see a temple in the city, because the Lord God Almighty and the Lamb are its temple. The city does not need the sun or the moon to shine on it, for the glory of God gives it light, and the Lamb is its lamp. The nations will walk by its light, and the kings of the earth will bring their splendor into it. On no day will its gates ever be shut, for there will be no night there. The glory and honor of the nations will be brought into it. Nothing impure will ever enter it, nor will anyone who does what is*

*shameful or deceitful, but only those whose names are written in the Lamb's book of life.*

**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.*