**Clergy Leadership Development Seminar**

**Agenda for January 23rd**

9am – Gathering Time with Coffee and Refreshments

9:30am – Worship

10:45am – Small Groups Dynamics

* In groups reflect on the article, “Questions that Spark Discussion,” and your own experience, as you consider the following questions:
  + “What makes a good question to ask in small groups?”
  + “What builds relationships in small groups?”
  + “What are the important dynamics of storytelling?”

11:15am – Small Groups for Lent

* As we design our Lenten small group curriculum, review the Advent example.

What do you notice about the small group lesson plan? What changes might you make based on your own context?

* Each table is assigned one week of the Lenten Sermon Series “Questions We Ask God.” At your table, design that week’s small group lesson as a team.
* A copy of the week’s lesson will be submitted to be complied as a small group study.
* A copy of the complied small group lesson plans on “Questions We Ask God” will be emailed to you by January 30th.

1pm – Lunch

1:30pm – Sermon Introduction

In groups preach your 5 minute introduction to one of the weeks of our Lenten Worship Series “Questions We Ask God.” Each sermon should contain the telling of a story.

* Before you preach
* Share with the group the theme and text you selected.
* Read a portion (1-5 verses) of the text that you think is the most relevant to the 5 minute introduction.
* After the sermon the group will
* First, name two things that they appreciated about the introduction
* Then, provide insights on areas such as tone of voice, use of gestures, introduction’s relation to the scripture, ….

2:45pm – Resourcing for February 27th

**The Questions We Ask God Outline**

**Series Title**: “Questions We Ask God?”

**Big Idea**: “We meet God in the questions… not just the answers.”

**Felt Need**: People are searching for God and for answers to meaningful questions in their lives. God is with them even as they search for the answers.

**Series Summary/Description**: “Questioning takes courage. It’s the way we learn and the way we grow. When we ask God questions we keep the conversation going. Through stories of people who were seeking and questioning we learn of the in-breaking of God’s grace and love. This Lent, rediscover your curiosity and meet God in the questions… not just the answers.”

**Topic 1 – Forgiveness**

Question of the Week – Is forgiveness really possible?

Scripture – Matthew 6: 12 (Lord’s Prayer Matthew 6: 9-15)

The Big Idea – The cost of not forgiving/unforgiveness

**Topic 2 – Silence / Listening for God’s voice**

Question of the Week – How do we deal with God’s silence?

Scripture – 1 Kings 19: 11-13 and Psalm 22

The Big Idea - Since God has been faithful in the past (in times of noise) and God is faithful in times of silence, therefore God will be faithful in the future.

**Topic 3 – Hope**

Question of the Week – How Do We Hope in Times of Trouble?

Scripture – Psalm 73

The Big Idea – From Hell to Hope (or God is our Hope)

**Topic 4 – Cross (brokenness to wholeness)**

Question of the Week – What’s the deal with the cross?

Scripture – Genesis 3: 8-9 and Philippians 2: 5-11

The Big Idea – From Brokenness to Wholeness

**Topic 5 – God’s presence in difficult times**

Question of the Week – Why do bad things happen to good People?

Scripture – John 11: 17 – 36 – Lazarus story

The Big Idea – God’s presence in the midst of bad things (thinking). We will get through this (feeling). We become the presence of God.

**Topic 6 – Eternal Life**

Question of the Week – Why do we need Jesus?

Scripture – John 3: 14-21

The Big Idea - What is eternal life – quantity or quality

**Easter Sunday Title**: “Why did God Fool the World?”

**Lenten Small Group Series Detailed Weekly Planning**

**Topic:**

**Focus Topic/Question:**

**Week Scripture:**

**Week Big Idea:**

**Enter the Story**: (What story or stories could you share in order to set the tone for the small group? Your story could be a personal story, a news story, from a devotional etc.)

**Question: (**Based on the week’s topic and your story, what open-ended question(s) could lead into small group discussion?)

**Bible Passage:** (What are some important insights from the Bible passage? What is happening in the scripture? What do you see, hear or feel from the passage?)

**Application:** (What does the passage invite us to think, feel or do? How does this passage connect with your own story? What can you do to reinforce this theme ie. showing a UTube video, sing a song, read a poem, engage in a craft, take an action?)

**Challenge:** (Name one challenge the scripture is inviting us to engage in this week?)

**Closing Prayer:** (You may write a prayer or invite the group to write a prayer together. You can begin writing a prayer by asking, “Based on our scripture, how would you address God in the prayer’s opening? Name how you are blessed by this passage. Ask God for help with what the passage is challenging us to do. Conclude with a closing sentence.)

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**Resourcing for 2.27. 2018**

Below are resourcing assignments to be completed in preparation for our February gathering.

1. **Small Groups**

* Please read the 2 articles (4 pages) “Your First Three Steps” and “A Measure of Group Health” provided.
* Rev. Gina Yeske is offering two ZOOM meetings on 'how to facilitate a small group' for small group leaders you have identified and yourself. The Zoom meetings will be on January 27th at 11am and January 31st at 7pm. The content of both sessions will be the same. The computer log-in link and telephone information is below. Gina will be on the meeting 10 minutes early, so feel free to log-in/call-in a few minutes early to ensure good connection.

Topic: SG Leadership Training

Time: Jan 27, 2018 11:00 AM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

Join from PC, Mac, Linux, iOS or Android: <https://zoom.us/j/331122301>

Or iPhone one-tap :

    US: +16699006833,,331122301#  or +14086380968,,331122301#

Or Telephone:

    Dial(for higher quality, dial a number based on your current location)：

        US: +1 669 900 6833  or +1 408 638 0968  or +1 646 876 9923

    Meeting ID: 331 122 301

Gina Yeske is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.

Jan 31, 7PM

Join from PC, Mac, Linux, iOS or Android: <https://zoom.us/j/205721320>

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1. **Primal Leadership, Book**

Review content within chapter three on Emotional Intelligence Domains and Associated Competencies, as well as Appendix B on Leadership Competencies at the end of the book.

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1. **Take Emotional Intelligence Quizzes**

* University of California, Berkley “Greater Good Magazine “Emotional Intelligence Quiz”

<https://greatergood.berkeley.edu/quizzes/take_quiz/ei_quiz>

What were your results in reading emotions on people’s faces?

Did you notice any stereotypes being portrayed? If so, what were they?

* Social Intelligence Test

<http://socialintelligence.labinthewild.org/mite/>

What was your score? What are your thoughts about your score?

* Global Leadership Foundation Quiz

<http://globalleadershipfoundation.com/geit/eitest.html>

After you submit the test you will receive your scores. Write the answers to the following questions.

* What are your scores in the areas of self-awareness, self-management, social-awareness and relationship management?
* What competencies do you rate highest in? How do you exercise them in daily life? What can you do to live them out more fully?
* What was an area that needs continued development? What specific situations have occurred when you have noticed that growth is needed? What steps can you take to grow in this competency?