

Sharing My Favorite Scripture and My Story — A Missional Practice

Missional practices: cultivating new understandings, ways of being, and living Christ's mission.

Disciples are called to grow in their knowledge and understanding of scriptures so that they may ever increase in love for God, neighbor, and self, uphold the dignity and worth of all persons, and faithfully follow the way of Jesus Christ. – Affirmation Eight, Scripture in the Community of Christ, Sharing in Community of Christ: Exploring Identity, Mission, Message, and Beliefs, 2010

Purpose: To deepen our relationships with one another and with God by each person having an opportunity to share an important scripture passage that is meaningful to their lives. Scripture is a formative part of our lives as faithful disciples. We learn about one another, connect in deeper ways, and gain understandings by sharing our experiences with Scripture.

Steps:

1. Before meeting, invite each person to select a scripture passage important to them now in their life from the Hebrew Scriptures (Old Testament), the New Testament, the Book of Mormon, or the Doctrine and Covenants. Note: If a person arrives without a scripture selection, give them a few moments to recall one that is of particular importance to them now in their life.
2. Have people take turns sharing their favorite scripture and why it is important to them and their life story.
3. Express appreciation to each person for their contribution as they share.

OR

1. Before the group meets ask people to select a favorite scripture around a question of the group such as:
 - What scripture brings you hope?
 - What scripture gives you a sense of peace?
 - What scripture gives you energy and excitement for mission?
2. Give everyone an opportunity to share their favorite scripture and why it is important to them and their life story.
3. Express appreciation to each person for their contribution as they share.

Process Tips: For those joining the group and have not selected a scripture, it might be helpful to have several copies of Community of Christ's three books of scripture available to look through. It is also important that members of the group listen attentively and be open to the leadings of the Spirit in this practice. Scriptures may be shared over time that come to have great meaning for the group and point the way forward on important questions.