

Cross of Hope Making Faith Connections Small Group Ministry Schedule
January 16, 2022 – Second Sunday after Epiphany
FACE TO FACE: Revealing God's Love at the Feast

15 Minutes

Gathering, Hospitality, Check-in with Each Other...

- What constitutes a 'feast' for you?
- Who's present? What's served? What conversation or activities occur?
What's the occasion?

Opening Prayer

Lord God, source of every blessing, you showed forth your glory and led many to faith by the works of your Son, who brought gladness and salvation to his people. Transform us by the Spirit of his love, that we may find our life together in him, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

45 Minutes

Discussion Questions: Face to Face: Revealing God's Love at the Feast

Read again John 2:1-11

- Where do you see God's love revealed in this story?
- What is the truth of Jesus to which this first sign points?
- How is this a story of resurrection and renewal?
- Why do you think the disciples were moved to faith?
- How does it feel to meet God in Communion?
- When is it easy to trust God's word? When is it hard?
- Explore together how Jesus meeting the need of the moment in this story encourages our faith of God's presence at the feast of the Table in Communion.
- How is God's love revealed in Holy Communion?

Read again Isaiah 62:1-5

- How does it feel to know that God rejoices over you?
- In what ways is the analogy of marriage helpful to reveal God's love for you? How is it *not* helpful?
- Why is it important to keep speaking God's love?

Read again 1 Corinthians 12:1-11

- Reflect on and share which spiritual gifts you've been given from this list.
- Share with others the spiritual gifts you see in them.
- Why is it important that we've been given different spiritual gifts?
- How does this reveal God's love?

20 Minutes

Prayer Requests and Prayer

10 Minutes

Wrap Up and Get Ready to Leave Session: Conversation about details for the next session...place, day, time, and volunteer Host. Remember...bring a Bible, watch the Sunday worship and sermon in preparation for the group session.

Maximum amount of time...90 minutes. Time used for each component is flexible depending on the agreed upon needs of the group for that session.