Making Faith Connections - Cross of Hope Small Group Ministry
November 1st, 2026
All Saints Sunday

Gathering and Check-in … *share where you've encountered God this week*.

Prayer Almighty God, you have knit your people together in one communion in the mystical body of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Grant us grace to follow your blessed saints in lives of faith and commitment, and to know the inexpressible joys you have prepared for those who love you, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.** (ELW 59)

Introduction: All Saints celebrates the baptized people of God, living and dead, who are the body of Christ. As November heralds the dying of the landscape in many northern regions, the readings and liturgy call us to remember all who have died in Christ and whose baptism is complete. At the Lord's table we gather with the faithful of every time and place, trusting that the promises of God will be fulfilled and that all tears will be wiped away in the new Jerusalem. (from Sundays and Seasons)

Discussion Questions:

Read again Matthew 5:1-12

What do you notice about this story as you read/hear it this time?
What is challenging or confusing as you read/hear it this time?
How does the great reversal of the Beatitudes give hope?
    How do they offer guidance to the faithful?
Why do you think Jesus starts his grand sermon this way?
    How do the Beatitudes get ones attention?
How does both death and life relate to this passage?
What part has/does the Beatitudes play in your life?

Read again Revelation 7: 9-17

What do you notice about this story as you read/hear it this time?
What is challenging or confusing as you read/hear it this time?
Who is included in this vision?
    What does that reveal to us/teach us?
What parts of this passage are found in your experience of worship?
    What does that reveal to us/teach us?
What is helpful imagery used in this passage?
    How is that imagery used to convey hope and comfort?
Why is it important to hear that salvation belongs to our God?
    How does both death and life relate tot his passage?

Read and reflect on 1 John 3:1-3 and Psalm 34: 1-10, 22

Prayer Requests and Prayer

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