Small Group on Beatitudes

1. Listen to the reading (Matthew 5:1-12).

What did you hear? Write three thoughts, ideas, phrases, or images that caught you in this reading.

2. Listen again to the reading.

Why did these words or phrases stand out for you today? What do they mean for your life?

3. Listen again the reading.

Write two or three questions that this reading raises for you about your life, about your faith, about the church.

List one concrete way you feel called to live its message this week.

What will help you to live this? What will be the obstacles?

4. Story sharing.

Next Sunday is All Saints Sunday when we remember those "who have gone before us."

Who or what has brought you to this point in your spiritual journey?

Who might be standing with you as a spiritual guide?

5. Closing Prayer.

As we think of growing together in our faith, listen as the leader reads Paul's prayer for the Ephesians (3:14-21). Continue intercessory prayer for this process and its participants.

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