Before the Session:
• Download Participant Guide from online platform
• Read through and complete work in WORD doc or online in NOTEs tool
• Make a copy of poem(s) as directed for each participant

Part A: The Kingdom of Heaven is On Earth
(up to 90 minutes)

Purpose:
Think about the Kingdom of God through the lens of N. T. Wright videos.

Lectio Divina Centering:
Reading: Poem-Making the House Ready for the Lord, by Mary Oliver

• First Reading: Ask everyone to listen in silence as you read poem out loud, allowing the words to wash over them.
• Second Reading: Ask someone else to read poem and again listen for word or phrase that stands out.
• Third Reading: Read the poem a last time asking each person to consider how it is touching their life and what it might be calling them to do.
• When you are finished reading the poem, pass out a copy to each person and ask them if anything spoke to them. Allow 5-10 minutes for people to reflect.

Centering Question:
Is there anything you need to briefly say or ask so that you can be fully present today?
Focused Reflection:
each person shares, in 3-5 minutes, the reflection they wrote answering the questions from Part A in Participant Guide.

Group Reflection and Prayer:
what were the common threads and questions we heard in each person’s reflection? What we taking away from this time?

Break
Part B: The Kingdom of God is...
(up to 90 minutes)

**Purpose:**
Explore and synthesize reading, videos, and your own ministry context using the Wesleyan quadrilateral.

**Focused Reflection:**
Facilitate a large group discussion or a Triad discussion using questions from Part B in Participant Guide.

**Triad discussion:**
(up to 50 minutes)

- Divide whole group into groups of 3. Ask someone in each group to keep time.
- Encourage everyone to take notes when they are not sharing because they may hear something they will want to think about.
- One at a time, each person in each group will share their answers from their Part B in Participant Guide for up to 8 minutes.
- The other 2 people will listen and take notes and then ask questions for up to 8 minutes when the individual is finished sharing.
- Keep going until all 3 have had a turn. (15 minutes each. 6-8 min. to share and 6-8 min. for questions).
- Come back together as a larger group after 45 minutes.

**Large group Discussion:**
Come back together and ask each person to share something they learned based on what they heard in their triad conversations. People may ask questions to learn more. What were the common threads, if any, or thoughts we heard in each person’s reflection?

**Lunch**
(1 hour or more)
Part C: Who Gets Saved?
(up to 90 minutes)

Purpose:
Reflect on the idea of heaven and who gets saved through the lens of Will Willimon video and your readings for the day.

Focused Reflection:
Facilitate a Large Group Discussion based on the prep work from Part C in Participant Guide.

If time allows, begin with the Will Willimon video *Who Gets Saved?*
Part D: More to the Story
(up to 45 minutes)

**Purpose:**
Consider Stephanie Speller's thoughts on God's love and Love's work on the cross.

**Focused Reflection:**
Close out the day by discussing questions from Part D in Participant Guide. Focus on these 2 questions.

1. How has the church used salvation as a tool to get what it wants in ways that are not aligned to Jesus and the Saints?
2. Where have you seen “more to the story” in your own context?

**Looking Ahead:**
Discuss Next Session Purpose and Preparations.

**Closing Prayer**
Making the House Ready for the Lord
by Mary Oliver

Dear Lord, I have swept and I have washed but still nothing is as shining as it should be for you. Under the sink, for example, is an uproar of mice--it is the season of their many children. What shall I do? And under the eaves

and through the walls the squirrels have gnawed their ragged entrances--but it is the season

when they need shelter, so what shall I do? And the raccoon limps into the kitchen and opens the cupboard

while the dog snores, the cat hugs the pillow; what shall I do? Beautiful is the new snow falling in the yard and the fox who is staring boldly up the path, to the door. And still I believe you will come, Lord: you will, when I speak to the fox, the sparrow, the lost dog, the shivering seagoose, know that really I am speaking to you whenever I say, as I do all morning and afternoon: Come in, Come in.

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