

WITNESS – Reaching out to others
(Aim for 20 – 30 minutes)

Praying for one another

Romans 12:9-21 (NIVUK)

¹⁰ Be devoted to one another in love. Honour one another above yourselves. ¹¹ Never be lacking in zeal, but keep your spiritual fervour, serving the Lord. ¹² Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer.

Go around the group and share a challenge what you are facing so that others might pray for you.

When each person has shared pray for each other, with each person praying for the person on their left..

Conclude by praying The Caleb prayer:-

O High King of Heaven,
Have mercy on our land.
Revive your Church.
Send the Holy Spirit for the sake of the lost, the least and the broken.
May your Kingdom come to our nation.
In Jesus' mighty name. **Amen.**

Trusting God in Troubled Times

Is Revival Coming? *Isaiah 40*

WELCOME – Breaking the ice
(Aim for 10 minutes)

Describe some situations in which you think people turn to idols as a source of comfort in times of difficulty or trouble.

WORSHIP – Meeting the Lord
(Aim for 10 – 15 minutes)

As you turn to pray be quiet for a moment and turn your focus to God.

Go around the room and each person pray a thank you prayer.

Then together pray:-

**Holy Spirit, sent by the Father,
Ignite in us your holy fire;
Strengthen your children with the gift of faith,
Revive your Church with the breath of love,
And renew the face of the earth,
Through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.**

Finish this worship time with the leader praying for your meeting.

WORD – Applying the truth
(Aim for 40 – 45 minutes)

Read Isaiah 40

1 A tender wooing voice speaks to God's people in verses 1 and 2. What are the implications of the three affirmations all introduced by the word that?

2 What sort of road is the herald calling for in verses 3-5?

3 Deserts, valleys and mountains are hindrances to transport and communication. If all people are to see the glory of the Lord, these obstacles must be removed. What obstacles do you and your church face in both your local witness and global mission efforts?

How can these obstacles be removed?

4 A second voice is raised in verses 6-8. What vivid contrast is made in these verses?

5 A third voice, in verse 9 says "Here is your God!" What sort of a God is he according to verses 10 and 11?

6 When have you known God's power and when have you known his gentleness as in verses 10- 11?

7 Isaiah presents a sweeping critique of idolatry in verses 18-20. What would be examples of idolatry in our society? How can we avoid them?

8 What is Israel's complaint in verse 27?
How does the prophet answer in verses 28-31?

9 What is the difference between an eagle and a turkey? Is this distinction helpful as you look at your own experience?

10 Do you think of revival as something that God will bring about by himself in his own good time? Or as something which it is our responsibility to bring about? How do you think Isaiah would tackle this issue?