

# Notes to Leader for B120 – Who or What is in Charge

## **SPECIAL NOTES:**

- This is the second of the “Big Questions” sessions. Remember that these big questions have no right answers, and, for many, no answers at all.
- Cut up the sheet of quotations and put the slips of paper into some sort of container that can be passed easily around the circle.

## **Session Preparation**

The depth of this session will be enhanced if each member thinks about the topic in advance and tries some of the exercises described in the preparation. It would be good to point this out when you distribute the preparation sheet. You might also email it for those who have misplaced their copy or were absent from the previous meeting. Have extra copies at the gathering for people who have forgotten to bring theirs.

## **Preliminaries**

Ask for volunteers to light the chalice, read the long reading, and read the closing words.

## **Reading from the Common Bowl**

Reading from the common bowl is used in this session to read quotes written on slips of paper. Each member draws a slip from a container passed around the circle. The quotes are read one after the other at the designated time in the Order of Worship. Before passing out the quotes, tell members that they don't have to take one if they do not wish to read aloud. There may be more quotes than there are members in your group, so you can choose whether to circulate the bowl until all the slips are drawn or to limit them to one per person. You may also want to read the quotations on the front of the order of worship.

## **Timekeeping**

Use this timetable as an aid to keep the gathering on track. If the deep-listening portion goes over the allotted time, you can eliminate or shorten the discussion.

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| Preliminaries  | 2 minutes           |
| Opening        | 1 minute            |
| Check-in       | 20 minutes          |
| Bowl Reading   | 8 minutes           |
| Silence        | 5 minutes           |
| Reading        | 3 minutes           |
| Deep listening | 60 minutes          |
| Discussion     | 18 minutes          |
| Singing        | 1 minutes           |
| Closing        | 2 minutes           |
| Total          | approx. 120 minutes |

## **Preparation for the Next Session**

Make sure everyone gets a copy of the preparation for the next session.