

Notes to the Leader for Session G81 - Failure

Session Preparation

The depth of this session will be enhanced if each member thinks about the topic in advance. Please distribute the preparation sheet at the end of the prior session and make sure absent members receive a copy. Have extra copies available at the gathering for people who have forgotten to bring their copies.

Sensitivity of This Topic

Talking about our failures could be emotional for some people, so have some kleenex handy.

Preliminaries

Prior to beginning the session, take a few minutes to go over the announcements of church events given at the last leader meeting or from a recent church bulletin. Also, remind members of the next meeting date. Get volunteers to light the chalice, and to do the readings (one at the opening, one leading into the silence and one following the sharing). Let group members know that the chalice lighting reading and the closing reading will be responsive readings, with the chosen “reader” reading the normal type and the group as a whole reading the part in italics.

Timekeeping

Use this timetable as an aid to keep the gathering on track.

Preliminaries	2 minutes
Opening	1 minutes
Check-in	20 minutes
Reading	1 minutes
Silence	5 minutes
Deep listening	60 minutes
Reading	1 minute
Closing	1 minute
Total	approx. 90 minutes