

Notes to the Leader for Session 30– Resurrection

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 of the preparation available at the gathering for those who've forgotten to bring theirs.

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, read the opening words,, and read the closing words.

Reading-Round-the-circle

Reading-round-the-circle is used in this session to read the poem on the back cover. Each person could read 2 or 3 lines at a time. Decide how many in the preliminaries. This should be done in a way that allows people to “opt out” and not read, since some may be uncomfortable reading. If someone wishes not to read, encourage him or her to say so at the beginning of the session.

Discussion

The discussion period is meant to allow group members to go deeper, share things they may have forgotten to share, and exchange ideas. It is important that people not comment on others' sharing except in a very positive and supportive way.

Timekeeping

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

Preliminaries	2 minutes
Opening	1 minute
Check-in	15 minutes
Reading	5 minutes
Silence	5 minutes
Deep listening	60 minutes
Discussion	30 minutes
Singing	1 minute
Closing	1 minute
Total	approx. 120 minutes

Preparation for the Next Session

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