



Five Elements of Small Church Communities

Reflection Process

Prayer: The element of prayer emphasizes the centrality of God’s presence and action in each small Christian community member’s life and in the life of the community itself.

Has anyone in my small community or the entire small community itself challenged me or inspired me to grow spiritually. How am I responding?

Sharing: Sharing means talking freely about God and about life experiences and reflecting on these in the light of scripture and tradition.

How has the personal sharing of others helped me to grow as a person; to be more responsive to God and to others?

Mutual Support: The small church community encourages fidelity to the Gospel and also challenges itself and its members to a more authentic commitment to Christian living.

In what ways have I felt supported by others in my small community? In what ways have I supported others?

Learning: Because small church communities are part of the wider church, they are called to an ever fuller knowledge and understanding of the Gospel and of the Catholic Church and its teaching on faith and morals, and of the relationship of that teaching to the circumstances and issues of everyday life.

How has learning with others in a small community assisted me in the process of growing in my Faith and living it out? Give examples.

Outreach: Authentic small church communities are committed to a life of love and service.

As a small church community how have we been involved, or how could we become involved, in reaching out to others to make a difference in our parish, neighborhood, and world?
