

## **PROCESS TO BE USED IN SMALL CHURCH COMMUNITIES**

(Pastoral Facilitators: Please see that everyone receives a copy of this to use when he/she is facilitating. Thanks, Sr. Celeste )

1. Use the time while people are arriving to greet one another and to catch up on the time since you last met.
2. Begin on time with a prayer or some music.
3. Read the Gospel.
4. Provide time for silence. If we miss this, we are not listening to the Holy Spirit which is vital for the faith sharing.
5. Ask each person to share a word, phrase, or a feeling with no comments from anyone nor lengthy dissertation.
6. Read the Gospel a second time.
7. Break into groups of 3 and share faith using the questions in the book. Provide what length of time you think it will take. This is the heart of the meeting.
8. Return to the large group and share insights you might have had. Never share what another person has shared with you.
9. Discuss how you can put the message from Scripture into action as a group or as individuals. Also, decide who will facilitate the next meeting and the house where the meeting will be held.
10. If you so choose, refreshments should be eaten at the end of the meeting in case anyone has to leave.