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Suggested timetable		
	Gathering and opening prayer	5 minutes
	<i>Lectio Divina</i> on previous Sunday's gospel reading (guidance notes and text below)	30 minutes
	Refreshments Watch the filmed material whilst you enjoy your refreshments	30 minutes
	Group discussion arising from the film, thinking through any questions from; <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • the bible study • the filmed material, especially any questions at the end • Considering the following questions in connection with <i>Life</i>; <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ What makes for life in its fullness? ○ Life is God's gift, what does this suggest about our moral decisions and choices? ○ Why do we make the wrong choices and what do we do about it? <p>End with a closing prayer</p>	25 minutes
		1.5 hours

LECTIO DIVINA – A GROUP APPROACH

1. Before reading the selected Bible passage, allow a minute or so of silence as the leader reminds people to listen for the word or phrase that catches their attention.
2. One person reads the Bible passage slowly. Alternatively, read one verse each going around the group.
3. Members of the group are given several minutes (leader to time but 6-7 minutes would be good) to recall in silence, and then underline the word or phrase that caught their attention.
4. Each person shares the word or phrase with others in the group, each taking a turn in order.
5. After a period of silence (as before 6-7 minutes), each person says briefly (no more than a sentence or two) how or why that word or phrase spoke to them.
6. Another person reads the same Bible passage or a verse at a time as before.
7. Members of the group are given several minutes to reflect quietly on the question, “If I were to **change one thing** as a result of this reflection, what would it be?” and make a note of what they sense or feel.
8. In a time of discussion each person shares with the group how they sense this scripture touching their life and moving them towards how they could **change one thing** either in their own life or in the life and witness of your faith community saying “I see, I hear, I sense that...”
9. Leader brings the discussion to a conclusion – not summing up but reflecting how all the various comments and suggestions are now to be pondered further as you take some refreshment.
10. Serve the refreshments and encourage the group to continue talking about the Lenten call to repentance (change) and how challenging it is.

Fourth Week

Luke 15: 1 – 3, 11 - 32

15 Now all the tax collectors and sinners were coming near to listen to him.

² And the Pharisees and the scribes were grumbling and saying, “This fellow welcomes sinners and eats with them.”

³ So he told them this parable:

¹¹ Then Jesus said, “There was a man who had two sons.

¹² The younger of them said to his father, ‘Father, give me the share of the property that will belong to me.’ So he divided his property between them.

¹³ A few days later the younger son gathered all he had and travelled to a distant country, and there he squandered his property in dissolute living.

¹⁴ When he had spent everything, a severe famine took place throughout that country, and he began to be in need.

¹⁵ So he went and hired himself out to one of the citizens of that country, who sent him to his fields to feed the pigs.

¹⁶ He would gladly have filled himself with the pods that the pigs were eating; and no one gave him anything.

¹⁷ But when he came to himself he said, ‘How many of my father’s hired hands have bread enough and to spare, but here I am dying of hunger!

¹⁸ I will get up and go to my father, and I will say to him, “Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you;

¹⁹ I am no longer worthy to be called your son; treat me like one of your hired hands.”

²⁰ So he set off and went to his father. But while he was still far off, his father saw him and was filled with compassion; he ran and put his arms around him and kissed him.

²¹ Then the son said to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son.'

²² But the father said to his slaves, 'Quickly, bring out a robe—the best one—and put it on him; put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet.

²³ And get the fatted calf and kill it, and let us eat and celebrate;

²⁴ for this son of mine was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found!' And they began to celebrate.

²⁵ "Now his elder son was in the field; and when he came and approached the house, he heard music and dancing.

²⁶ He called one of the slaves and asked what was going on.

²⁷ He replied, 'Your brother has come, and your father has killed the fatted calf, because he has got him back safe and sound.'

²⁸ Then he became angry and refused to go in. His father came out and began to plead with him.

²⁹ But he answered his father, 'Listen! For all these years I have been working like a slave for you, and I have never disobeyed your command; yet you have never given me even a young goat so that I might celebrate with my friends.

³⁰ But when this son of yours came back, who has devoured your property with prostitutes, you killed the fatted calf for him!'

³¹ Then the father said to him, 'Son, you are always with me, and all that is mine is yours.

³² But we had to celebrate and rejoice, because this brother of yours was dead and has come to life; he was lost and has been found.'"