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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 Purpose; <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ The catechism says that we are made for God and that our destiny is to enjoy him forever. This means that we are made for Heaven. What do you think that means? ○ Worship, especially the Eucharist, is said to be a foretaste of Heaven. Is it? How could it be more so? <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.

Fifth Week

John 8: 1 - 11

⁸ Jesus went to the Mount of Olives.

² Early in the morning he came again to the temple. All the people came to him and he sat down and began to teach them.

³ The scribes and the Pharisees brought a woman who had been caught in adultery; and making her stand before all of them,

⁴ they said to him, "Teacher, this woman was caught in the very act of committing adultery.

⁵ Now in the law Moses commanded us to stone such women. Now what do you say?"

⁶ They said this to test him, so that they might have some charge to bring against him. Jesus bent down and wrote with his finger on the ground.

⁷ When they kept on questioning him, he straightened up and said to them, "Let anyone among you who is without sin be the first to throw a stone at her."

⁸ And once again he bent down and wrote on the ground.

⁹ When they heard it, they went away, one by one, beginning with the elders; and Jesus was left alone with the woman standing before him.

¹⁰ Jesus straightened up and said to her, "Woman, where are they? Has no one condemned you?"

¹¹ She said, "No one, sir." And Jesus said, "Neither do I condemn you. Go your way, and from now on do not sin again."