

Suggested timetable	
Gathering and opening prayer	5 minutes
Lectio Divina on previous Sunday's gospel reading (guidance notes and text below)	30 minutes
Refreshments Watch the filmed material whist you enjoy your refreshments	30 minutes
Group discussion arising from the film, thinking through any questions from; • the bible study • the filmed material, especially any questions at the end • Considering the following in connection with <i>Turning Points</i> ; ○ How do you discover that you are going the wrong way – for yourself and as a worshiping family? ○ What prevents you from turning around? ○ What helps you turn around? ○ How does turning relate to last week's goals? End with a closing prayer	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.

13 At that very time there were some present who told him about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mingled with their sacrifices.

² He asked them, "Do you think that because these Galileans suffered in this way they were worse sinners than all other Galileans?

³ No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish as they did.

⁴Or those eighteen who were killed when the tower of Siloam fell on them—do you think that they were worse offenders than all the others living in Jerusalem?

⁵ No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish just as they did."

⁶Then he told this parable: "A man had a fig tree planted in his vineyard; and he came looking for fruit on it and found none.

⁷So he said to the gardener, 'See here! For three years I have come looking for fruit on this fig tree, and still I find none. Cut it down! Why should it be wasting the soil?'

⁸ He replied, 'Sir, let it alone for one more year, until I dig around it and put manure on it.

⁹ If it bears fruit next year, well and good; but if not, you can cut it down."