

<p>Theme & Passage</p>	<p>All Things Reconciled - our theme for 2019</p> <p>Colossians 1:19-20, Ephesians 1:10</p>
<p>Welcome</p>	<p>Share something that 'came together' in 2019 - whether a plan well executed or a problem tackled or an event that worked out well. Interpret this as you like.</p>
<p>Worship</p>	<p>Spend some time as a group reviewing our 'verses for the year' for the last three years. These are set out below with some suggested themes for each. You could do a kind of group 'examin' reflecting on how your spiritual lives are going and growing with respect to each theme...</p> <p>2016: Behold I am doing a new thing (<i>Is. 43:15</i>) - <i>ATTENTIVENESS</i></p> <p>2017: Taste and see that the Lord is Good... (<i>Ps. 34:8</i>) - <i>EXPERIENCE (of God)</i></p> <p>2018: I tell you, open your eyes and look at the fields! They are ripe for Harvest (<i>John 4:35</i>) - <i>HARVEST (orientation)</i></p> <p><i>Finish this time in prayer together - giving thanks to God for all that you are learning and ways you are growing, and seeking his help with what feels challenging or difficult.</i></p>
<p>Word/ Read & Reflect</p>	<p>Spend some time with Colossians 1:19-20 using Lectio Divina (read several times with spaces between readings for silent reflection/listening, then share together).</p> <p><i>Steve and Gill introduced our theme for this year as 'All Things Reconciled'. Here is a deep theological truth with many practical implications for us. These words speak of God's promise over all of Creation and of his ongoing, relentless work, in which we are caught up and involved. We might think of them as both PROMISE and CALLING.</i></p> <p>How does the promise of 'All things reconciled' inspire and change the way we live?</p> <p>Steve spoke of God as the one who joins/connects things in a broken, disconnected world. What examples can you think of in your experience?</p> <p>How might we pray into and live for God's work of reconciliation in the world in the year ahead?</p>
<p>Working it out</p>	<p>Use the Covenant Prayer below to make your commitment to God in the year ahead as a group:</p> <p><i>Creating and redeeming God, we give you thanks and praise.</i></p> <p><i>Your covenant of grace</i></p>

*was made for our salvation
in Jesus Christ our Lord.*

*We come this day
to covenant with you
and with companion disciples:*

*To watch over each other
and to walk together before you
in ways known
and still to be made known.*

*Pour your Spirit upon us.
Help us so to walk in your ways
that the promises we make this day,
and the life that we live together,
may become an offering of love,
our duty and delight
truly glorifying to you -
Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Amen.*

*This day,
we give ourselves again to the Lord
and to each other
to be bound together in fellowship,
and to work together
in the unity of the Spirit
for the sake of God's mission.*