



*They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and to fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer. Acts 2:42*

## **A SIMPLECHURCH LITURGY & CANDLE LIGHTING**

**A leader/facilitator should be appointed each week ahead to facilitate the gathering.**

Remember, there's nothing dramatic required. You are God's people, gathering together to practice these rhythms that are important for your life. God will be with you. He will use these things. Fruit will be produced in your lives.

### **1. Check-in**

As you gather, a time to check-in and see how each other are doing is a good way to begin.

### **2. Candle Lighting**

Someone can light the candle to remind each other that Jesus is present!

### **3. Song**

Music in this setting can be a little awkward, but if a song is on someones heart to meditate to, or if the leader chooses one ahead - great!

### **4. Scripture Reading - John 20:19-31**

Did you know? In the church calendar, Easter continues for 50 days after Easter Sunday. It goes all the way to Pentecost, which provides 7 Sundays for the church to bask in the wonder of the resurrection and its meaning for our faith and life. What a sad thing that so much of the church only gives this event one day.

This Sunday, we continue after the John 20:1-18 passage we reflected on last week. For the Second Sunday of Easter, we read John 20:19-31, which includes the story of "doubting Thomas" and Jesus appearing to the rest of the Disciples.

After reading... use these simple questions to guide your conversation:

What stood out to you? What is God saying to you/us in this scripture?

How does this message still apply to the church today?

What does the reign of Christ mean to you as a believer?

### **5. Prayers**

Pray for each other, your city and world. Keep track of your prayers from week to week in a book and review each week as you pray.

### **6. Lord's Supper\***

This can be optional for you, but if you would like to have the meal together - go for it! We will continue to have the meal on our other "on-line" weekends.

+ Scripture - 1 Cor 11:23-26

The Lord Jesus, on the night he was betrayed, took bread, 24 and when he had given thanks, he broke it and said, "This is my body, which is for you; do this in remembrance of me." 25 In the same way, after supper he took the cup, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood; do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me." 26 For whenever you eat this bread and drink this cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

+ *Blessing and Breaking*

Something simple. Break the bread and offer a simple blessing. "Jesus, thank you for this meal. Bless it now that we may see you."

+ *Eat* - If you know you are a sinner and need Jesus. Eat.

**7. Blow out the Candle**

Ask one of the children to do this.