

# **FAITH SHARING SMALL GROUPS**

## **DIALOGUE IS VERY IMPORTANT**

- Some dialogue is light, fun, and humorous
- It also makes serious dialogue possible--dialogue in which we learn to share with one another our questions and doubts, our values and goals, our faith and prayers, our hopes and dreams.

## **DIALOGUE IS BASED ON SEVERAL ASSUMPTIONS**

- That faith is already present in each person
- That each person is a source of truth and wisdom
- That the truth and wisdom of each individual is meant for and needed by the entire community
- That all people, especially our teens, want to open their hearts and share their deepest beliefs and doubts--all they need are listeners who care and do not judge them
- That talking about these values in your life helps to clarify and strengthen them within yourself
- That the faith of the listener is also strengthened by this dialogue process.
- One of the most powerful ways of becoming aware of God's actions in your own life is to hear about God's actions in the life of others
- That dialogue creates a system that enables those who participate in it to become a community

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