GROUP LISTENING PRAYER GUIDE

As part of our annual leadership discernment process, we request that each group meeting within Central's community dedicates one gathering between January 1 and February 15 to listen to Jesus' direction for our church. Please submit a summary of what you heard by February 15.

SUGGESTED FORMAT (75-90 MINUTES):

Identify a facilitator and recorder. Designate one person to lead the group throughout the night and another to record the discussion, submitting it through the QR code provided.

Brief Devotional (7 minutes): The facilitator begins with a short devotional on the power of prayer. Keep it brief as our focus is on listening to God and praying! Need a suggestion for a passage? Check out Matthew 7:7-11, Luke 18:1-8; John 10:14-16; James 5:13-18; 1 John 5:14-15.

Instructions (2 min): The facilitator shares the plan.

Opening Prayer (5 minutes): Have 2-3 people offer a brief opening prayer, inviting Jesus to speak and asking Him to soften our hearts to hear.

Listening Time (15-30 minutes): Sit quietly. Each person takes time to ask, "Jesus, what do you want to say for our church?" It is strongly recommended for each person to bring a Bible, journal, and pen/pencil to record what they hear during this time.

Sharing Time (30 minutes): Each person shares a 2-minute version of what they heard, and the recorder takes notes. Encourage each person to identify a word (or two) summarizing what they heard.

Prayer Time (15 minutes): Take some time at the end to pray together as a group. Thank God for what He is speaking and pray into the recurring themes among the group.

Submit Results: Later that day, the recorder submits a summary of what was heard using the QR code provided.

THANK YOU for participating in this! Your responses significantly contribute to our efforts to truly discern how Jesus desires to lead our church into the season ahead. If you have questions or seek input on this process, please reach out to any of our staff by visiting followingtogether.com/leadership.

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