

SMALL GROUP YEAR-END DISCERNMENT GUIDE

A simple process to help your group reflect, pray, and decide whether to continue or conclude.

1. Purpose of This Conversation

As we near the one-year mark, this guide helps your group:

- Reflect on what God has done.
- Listen for the Holy Spirit's direction.
- Choose whether to continue or wrap up with gratitude.

Our spiritual journey was never meant to be walked alone. This is an opportunity to discern your next step together.

2. Open in Prayer

Invite the Holy Spirit to lead your reflection and conversation.

3. Reflect on the Past Year (15-20 minutes)

Take turns sharing briefly.

Guiding Questions:

- What has God done in your life through this group?
 - How have we grown in friendship, prayer, and practicing the way of Jesus together?
 - What rhythms were most life-giving?
 - What do you appreciate about this past year?
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4. Discern: Continue or Conclude? (20-25 minutes)

Use these questions to guide the conversation:

Are we feeling led by God to continue as a group or to celebrate the time spent together and conclude?

- Do we have energy, desire, and capacity to continue?
- Is our meeting rhythm still sustainable?
- Do we sense that our season together has ended or is still unfolding?

Group Options:

OPTION 1: CONTINUE

If the group chooses to continue:

- Decide whether your meeting rhythm stays the same or changes (twice a month, monthly, etc.).
- Reconfirm leadership roles.
- Set a time to reassess (e.g., 6 months, 1 year).
- Engage in upcoming seasonal rhythms/practices and monthly guides.

OPTION 2: CONCLUDE WELL

If your season is ending:

- Celebrate and name what God has done.
- Thank each other for participating.
- Pray a blessing over the group.

Move forward as you are feeling led, both choices honor God.

5. Make Your Decision (5 minutes)

Name your group's decision – it may be helpful to note it here:

- ☐ We will continue as a group through: _____
- ☐ We will conclude our group and celebrate on: _____

Share your decision with Jenn at jtjepkes@thedoor.org

6. Closing Prayer

Whatever you have decided, take some time to thank God and invite His leading in this next chapter!