



STEWARDSHIP CAMPAIGN Q&A

What is the purpose for having discussion groups?

Discussion groups offer an opportunity for all of us to reflect on our spiritual journey, to share how we experience the Living God in our lives, and how Saint Paul's nurtures those experiences. Our responses will help us understand how we can better support the personal and spiritual lives of all of our parishioner and those we serve through ministry. Our responses will be noted (without sharing names), summarized in a report for the vestry and Pastor Maxine to review, and then shared with the parish as whole.

What is the format for a discussion group?

Discussion groups will be held primarily in small groups in-person and virtually. 1-on-1 and 2-on-1 sessions will be made available based on parishioner request. To encourage participation we are offering both in-person and virtual discussion groups.

In-person discussion groups are best suited for parishioners who prefer to meet in person. Virtual groups are available for parishioners who may be homebound, worship virtually, out of town, or prefer the convenience of meeting virtually.

Hybrid small group meetings will not be offered given the sense of separateness that can occur between in-person or virtual participants, along with the ever-present potential for technical difficulties that can interrupt the flow of a discussion.

How long will discussion groups be made available?

The general timeline for discussion groups will take place from October 5th through November 23rd. If necessary we will extend our timeline to accommodate everyone who wishes to participate but may not be available during those dates. They will run concurrently with Saint Paul's annual giving campaign.

When will discussion groups take place?

Discussion groups will take place on Sundays and at various times throughout the week on Saint Paul's campus.

Currently, we have identified 4 in-person options:

- Every Sunday 9:15 AM to 10:30 AM, after the 8:00 AM worship service
- Every Sunday 11:45 AM to 1:15 PM, after the 10:30 AM worship service
- Every Tuesday at 6:30 PM
- Every Saturday at 9:30 AM
- Alternate meeting days and times will be available based on parishioner preferences.

A virtual discussion group option will be available these same days and times.



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Where will discussion groups take place?

In-person discussion groups will be held on our church grounds.

How long will a discussion group last?

Both in-person and virtual discussion groups will run approximately 90 minutes. A short period of time has been allocated for general conversation, opening prayer and an overview of the process. Your facilitator will then lead the conversations for approximately 75 minutes. Extending the time is optional and based on the consensus of the group.

How many people will be participating in each discussion group?

Discussion groups have been limited to 5 participants. Experience has shown that smaller group sizes provide enough time for everyone to fully participate without feeling constrained by time. It is important that we hear from you and give you enough time to do so.

How many discussion groups should I attend?

You only need to participate in 1 discussion group. If you enjoy the experience you are welcome to participate in another, bring a friend or family member. Though discussion groups are not intended as Christian education, they are intended to foster deep reflection, discernment and dialogue with regard to our individual lives as people of faith and our common life as a faith community.

Who do I contact to participate?

Your stewardship committee has been commissioned to facilitate this process. They will be available throughout the week to answer questions, elaborate on the broader vision of the work, and help you sign-up for a session. Most notably, they will be at the stewardship table on Sunday mornings.

There are 3 ways to sign-up for a discussion group:

- You may sign-up at the stewardship table before or after Sunday services.
- You may also sign-up online using the following link.
<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30E0E4AA8AC2FAAF58-58375057-stewardship>

The link will take you to a calendar with the days and times for discussion groups.

You may also use this QR code.



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