

Notes to Leader for G137 – The Listening Ear

Session Preparation

The depth of this session will be enhanced if each member thinks about the topic in advance and tries some of the exercises described in the preparation. It would be good to point this out when you distribute the preparation sheet. You might also email it for those who have misplaced their copy or were absent from the previous meeting. Have extra copies at the gathering for people who have forgotten to bring theirs.

Preliminaries

Ask for volunteers to light the chalice, begin the reading round the circle, and read the closing words.

Discussion

During the discussion, pay attention to any suggestions anyone has to offer to improve the hospitality our congregation offers, either to regular attendees or to new comers. Make a note of those ideas to share at a future time.

Timekeeping

Use this timetable as an aid to keep the gathering on track. If the deep-listening portion goes over the allotted time, you can eliminate or shorten the discussion.

Preliminaries	2 minutes
Opening	1 minute
Check-in	20 minutes
Reading	3 minutes
Silence	5 minutes
Deep listening	60 minutes
Discussion	25 minutes
Singing	1 minute
<u>Closing</u>	<u>2 minute</u>
Total	approx. 120 minutes

Preparation for the Next Session

Make sure everyone gets a copy of the preparation for the next session.