

Cross of Hope Making Faith Connections Small Group Ministry Schedule
May 26, 2024
The Holy Trinity

- 15 Minutes **Gathering, Hospitality, Check-in with Each Other...**
- What do you enjoy about summer?
 - How are you different than you were last fall?
- Opening Prayer Almighty Creator and ever-living God: we worship your glory, eternal Three-in-One, and we praise your power, majestic One-in-Three. Keep us steadfast in this faith, defend us in all adversity, and bring us at last into your presence, where you live in endless joy and love, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen. (ELW p37)
- 45 Minutes **Discussion Questions:**
- Read again John 3: 1-17
- What do you notice about this story as you read/hear it this time?
 - What is challenging or confusing as you read/hear it this time?
 - Where do you find the Holy Trinity present in this story?
 - What is the role of the Spirit in this story?
 - What does it mean to you to be 'born from above' or 'born anew' or 'born again'?
 - How is that image helpful in understanding a life of faith?
 - How is that image challenging in understanding a life of faith?
 - What do you make of Nicodemus?
- Read and relate vv. 16-17 to one another.
- How does one inform the other?
 - What things in life make believing or trusting hard?
 - How does God's grace in this story help strengthen faith?
- Read again Isaiah 6:1-8
- What do you notice about this story as you read/hear it this time?
 - How has God called you to faith?
 - Could God call you to faith more than once? Why or Why not
- Read again Romans 8: 12-17
- What do you notice about this story as you read/hear it this time?
- Explore how crying out to God in different situations is an expression of faith.
- Why is it important to continuing to hear the truth that we are children of God?
- 20 Minutes **Prayer Requests and Prayer**
- 10 Minutes **Wrap Up and Get Ready to Leave Session:** Conversation about details for the next session...place, day, time, and volunteer Host. Remember...bring a Bible, watch the Sunday worship and sermon in preparation for the group session.