



1. Welcome (an ice-breaker discussion to get everyone comfortable with sharing):

Sunday, Feb 2nd is Groundhog Day, where we look to a large rodent to help determine the remaining days of winter and when spring might come, all based on the weather of a few moments on one day and whether he sees his shadow or not. This is one of many of our western superstitious beliefs and practices. Share some of the beliefs you have grown up with that hold no rational or scientific foundation, yet that we quote or reference regularly.

2. Worship (to draw our hearts to the Lord and invite Him into our discussion):

Sing together "For the Cause" <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PHuLOdZdqs8&t=1s>

Dozens of other worship songs are also available at www.westhighland.org/smallgroupsongs.

3. Word (to consider how the sermon applies to our lives, and to live out the "one anothers"):

Read together: Exodus 24:1-11

Sermon Summary

We are called to behold God in worship. Because of our sinful hearts, we cannot do this on our own. Instead, by trusting in Christ's sacrifice, we can behold God and enjoy His presence forever.

Sermon Questions

1. What holds your focus? What keeps you from focusing on Christ?
2. Why do we often prioritize good works and deeds, rather than repentance and faith?
3. How do you practice his presence already, that might be a helpful encouragement to others who are struggling to do so?
4. Worship is our whole life response to God's revelation. What might your life look like, if you lived a life of worship, prioritizing God's presence in your life?

4. Witness (joining Jesus in his mission):

Hospitality, sharing your life, your home, with others, is one of the easiest ways to open the door (literally) for witness with our neighbours, colleagues, international students, new immigrants. Talk and pray together, and make a plan, to practice hospitality as individuals, families and as your Community Group, that might end with someone new coming to faith in Jesus as they see the love of God expressed through you.