# Listening & Dialogue Small Group

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# **Participants:**

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- Bernie
- Fran
- Joe
- Pat
- Beth
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## Theme 1: Evangelisation + Mission

#### We desire:

- A clearer sense of who we are as a church to come back to our mission to proclaim the Good News
- To spread the Word by how we live and not just by what we say
- To build community and have a sense of our parish mission
- To reach out to those beyond the parish

## Theme 1: Evangelisation + Mission

# Practical ideas we thought of:

- Invite those outside the parish to socials etc. that we host
- Special greeting days / community morning teas
- Provide an evening Mass once a week for those who are working
- Provide faith Q + A workshops
- Invite seminarians to speak at youth gatherings

# Theme 2: Participation by all

#### We desire:

- To be a community that lives the Gospel
- To get to know others parishioners more
- For all members of our community to be involved in parish life – e.g. sacramental program, RCIA, hospitality group
- Greater support from each other in our parish ministries – many hands make light work and prevent burnout

# Theme 2: Participation by all

# Practical ideas we thought of:

- Blessings of those in ministry groups
- Celebratory gatherings when people receive the sacraments
- Social gatherings
- Develop a process to increase the number of those involved in ministry and support

# Theme 3: Renewal with Joy and Hope

#### We desire:

To remember that it is not WHAT we do but WHY
we do it that is the measure of meaning

## Theme 3: Renewal with Joy and Hope

# Practical ideas we thought of:

- Ministry renewal program at Mass
- Brief commentary at strategic parts of the Mass to explain the readings
- Name tags for people doing ministry at Masses