

Listening for God

1st Wednesday evening of each month 7:30 – 9:30pm

'Speak Lord, for Your servant is listening.' Samuel 3:10

This group meets monthly, on the first Wednesday evening of each month, at Joy's house, from 7 - 9 pm. We begin with a celebration of food, followed by a time of worship, prayer and scripture reading. We encourage one another to listen for God's voice through prayer and meditation on scripture together. We are free to share what we hear from scripture. We also support one another in following God's direction during the month, as we continue to practice the disciplines of solitude, prayer, meditation on scripture, and journaling.

We embrace solitude and cherish community together in God's presence.

Our first meeting this fall is on **Wednesday, October 1st, 7:30 – 9:30pm**

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A Meditation by Henri Nouwen

Life Together in Community

“Community life opened me up to the real spiritual combat: the struggle to keep moving toward the light precisely when the darkness is so real. For example, sometimes in community I put claims on people that are so high that nobody can live up to them – emotional claims and expectations of which I am not fully aware. I expect someone to take away my loneliness. I expect that person to give me a sense of at-homeness. I expect that when we live together, everything will be joyful and pleasant. I expect the community always to be a peaceful living together with no hard work or conflict. When my expectations are not realized, I am left feeling upset, lonely, and depressed. Why are my expectations of others so high? What need in me is not being addressed or fulfilled?”

These questions lead me back to prayer and to the need for spiritual direction in my spiritual life and in my community relationships. I am reminded of how important it is that solitude precedes community and that family life is recognized as inherently difficult. Once solitude is embraced, I have learned that forgiveness and celebration can come to characterize authentic community even with its challenges.”