

serve like Christ

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PERSONAL REFLECTION

PAUSE

Take some time to be still before God. Focus your thoughts on Him. Slow down and be with God. Listen.

When you are ready, read Psalm 95:1-7

*Come, let us sing for joy to the Lord;
let us shout aloud to the Rock of our salvation.
Let us come before him with thanksgiving
and extol him with music and song.*

*For the Lord is the great God, the great King above all gods.
In his hand are the depths of the earth,
and the mountain peaks belong to him.
The sea is his, for he made it, and his hands formed the dry land.*

*Come, let us bow down in worship,
let us kneel before the Lord our Maker;
for he is our God
and we are the people of his pasture,
the flock under his care.*

What words or phrases stand out?

How would you like to respond?



REFLECT

As you reflect on the content you heard at the Otago/Southland Regional Summit, whether through the all-together sessions, workshops, conversations, or discussions, what has God been saying to you?

Use the following questions to prompt your thinking. Choose the ones that are helpful. You don't need to answer all of them.

What was new for you?

What challenged you?

What encouraged you?

What inspired you?

What are you excited to try?

In what ways do you sense the Holy Spirit's prompting?

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What threads did you see God weaving through your conversations, interactions, and thoughts over the Summit?

Are there key words/phrases/pictures that come to mind?

What are you feeling resistance to?

What are the barriers/challenges/obstacles that you see hindering a way forward?

PLAN

Take some time to discern what the next steps are.

What are three points from this reflection that you want to pursue, think about further or action?

What will you share with your ministry group in the group reflection time?

MINISTRY TEAM REFLECTION

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Read: Philippians 2:1-4

Therefore if you have any encouragement from being united with Christ, if any comfort from his love, if any common sharing in the Spirit, if any tenderness and compassion, then make my joy complete by being like-minded, having the same love, being one in spirit and of one mind.

Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit. Rather, in humility value others above yourselves, not looking to your own interests but each of you to the interests of the others.

SHARE

What stands out to you in these verses in relation to ministry and team?

PRAY

Take some time to pray together as a team.

LISTEN

Take turns to share with the group from your personal reflections. This is not a discussion time but rather a chance to listen to each other. There will be time to discuss later.

Listening well means not interrupting or interjecting with your own ideas, opinions, or solutions. It means not judging or assuming you know what is coming next. Give the person speaking your full attention. Listen without preparing what you will say next or in response. Just listen.

You may want to make notes.

DISCERN

As a group, discuss what have been the common themes, ideas, questions, phrases, or pictures that you have heard. Ask questions to clarify any points others have made in the listening section. Use post it notes or a whiteboard to collate ideas.

Where do we sense God is directing our attention?

Where is he inviting us to go deeper?

What are we feeling resistance to? Why?

What are the barriers/challenges/obstacles that we see hindering a way forward?

What ideas do we want to pursue? Which ones should we park for now?

PLAN

Decide as a group what the next steps are.

Make a plan for further prayer, discussion or action on the points agreed on above.