

# Circle of Inquiry – A Leader’s Guide

- I. **Call to Conversation** (Leader) – 10 minutes
  1. Candle lighting and prayer
  2. Introduce topic
  3. Holy Manners (setting the right tone)
  4. Divide into small groups
  
- II. **Small Group Discussion I** – 20 minutes
  1. What life experience(s) led you to your interest in this topic
  2. Clarify the issue. What impact it has had on you, your family, church and/or world
  
- III. **Break** – 15 minutes
  
- IV. **Small Group Discussion II** – 20 minutes
  1. Role play the other’s point of view – 2 people at a time  
Can you articulate another’s viewpoint?
  2. Read scripture (*Ephesians 4:15-16*)  
How does scripture inform your views of these conversations?  
Has your mind changed about this issue?
  
- V. **Wrapping Up** (Large group) – 20 minutes
  1. How are you feeling?
  2. How does this experience equip you to have difficult conversations with families, at church, in your community?
  3. Leader’s closing statement / extinguish candle / go in Peace