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