



## **ARISE Parish Team Meeting Seven: Reflection, Celebration and Evaluation—Season One**

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| <b>Where?</b> | <b>At the parish level</b>  |
| <b>When?</b>  | <b>Early Advent</b>   |
| <b>Who?</b>   | <b>ARISE parish team and small-community leaders</b>                                |
| <b>How?</b>   | <b>Invitations to all small-community leaders two to three weeks prior to event</b> |
| <b>What?</b>  | <b>A “pot luck” supper or luncheon or dessert and coffee</b>                        |
| <b>Time?</b>  | <b>1.5 to 2 hours</b>   |

In the name of the pastor, the *ARISE Together in Christ* parish team welcomes all small-community leaders to this event.

### **Goals**

- Thank the small-community leaders for their service.
- Gather in gratitude for what Christ has done for us through *ARISE*.
- Share “good news” stories.
- Support one another in the challenges.
- Gather information from the small communities to assist the *ARISE* parish team coordinator in completing the Season One evaluation survey. (A copy of the evaluation survey is available via the link sent to coordinators in an email.)

### **Process**

- Welcome and introductions (have name tags available)
- Overview of the evening

### **Opening Song**

“O Come, O Come, Emmanuel”

## **Invitation to Pray**

**Come, Lord Jesus. Excite in us a wonder at the wisdom and power of Your Father and ours. Receive our prayers as part of our service to cooperate in the renewal of our Church.**

**Come, long-expected Jesus. Excite in us a hunger for peace: in the world, in our homes, in ourselves.**

**Come, long-expected Jesus. Excite in us a joy responsive to the Father's joy.**

**We seek His will so we can serve with gladness, singing and love.**

**We pray in the name of Jesus Christ, whose advent we hail. Amen.**

## **Proclaim the Gospel**

*Please choose the Gospel for the next Sunday in Advent closest to your meeting date.*

## **Invitation to Group Sharing (in groups of five or six)**

Invite them to close their eyes and think back to October and November, to remember the faces of those in their small groups.

1. As you look back on Season One what do you remember as life-giving? Exciting? A blessing?
2. Can you share a moment from your experience when you were keenly aware that God was at work in the group?
3. In what way were you or members of your group challenged to encounter Christ during the six weeks?
4. Using the questions from the Evaluation Survey (which you received in an email), please share responses.

*Reconvene the small groups into one and ask for some "good news" stories to be shared with the entire group.*

## **Invitation to Closing Prayer**

*Give thanks to God (aloud or silently) for insights gained, for prayers answered, for the gift of one another's openness and sensitivity. Conclude with the following:*

**Leader:** Let us pray.

**All:** Jesus, our brother,

**Thank you for this time together to share our lives and our experience. Help us to keep our hearts focused on you at all times. Guide us to use the time and freedom you have given us with humility and wisdom as we strive to bring your love to others.**

**In your name we pray. Amen.**

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## **ARISE Parish Team Meeting Seven: Reflection, Celebration and Evaluation—Season Two**

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| <b>Where?</b> | <b>At the parish level</b>  |
| <b>When?</b>  | <b>Post Easter</b>  |
| <b>Who?</b>   | <b>ARISE parish team and small-community leaders</b>                                |
| <b>How?</b>   | <b>Invitations to all small-community leaders two to three weeks prior to event</b> |
| <b>What?</b>  | <b>A Resurrection celebration—“pot luck” or dessert and coffee</b>                  |
| <b>Time?</b>  | <b>1.5 to 2 hours</b>   |

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### **Goals**

- Thank the small-community leaders for their service.
- Gather in gratitude for what Christ has done for us through *ARISE*.
- Share “good news” stories.
- Support one another in the challenges.
- Gather information from the small communities to assist the *ARISE* parish team coordinator in completing the Season Two evaluation survey. (A copy of the evaluation survey is available via the link sent to coordinators in an email.)

### **Process**

- Welcome and introductions (have name tags available)
- Overview of the evening

### **Opening Song**

Use an appropriate Easter song.

## **Invitation to Pray**

**All:** This wonderful day, O Christ, is yours. Help us to experience Easter in our hearts. Turn our own empty tombs into signs of new life, signs of hope. Give us the grace to share our hope with those we love and especially with those who need new life and courage and hope in their own lives.  
Alleluia, Amen.

## **Proclaim the Gospel**

*Please choose the Gospel for the next Sunday closest to your meeting date.*

## **Invitation to Group Sharing (in groups of five or six)**

Invite participants to close their eyes and think back to October and November, to remember the faces of those in their small groups.

1. As you look back on Season Two can you name an experience of seeing “changed hearts” in yourself, members of your small communities or your parish?
2. During this past Lenten season, did you find it easier to turn to God in prayer in “low” moments or in “high” moments?
3. Using the questions from the evaluation survey (which you received in an email), please share responses.

*Reconvene the small groups into one and ask for some “good news” stories to be shared with the entire group.*

## **Invitation to Closing Prayer**

*Give thanks to God (aloud or silently) for insights gained, for prayers answered, for the gift of one another’s openness and sensitivity. Conclude with the following:*

**Leader:** Let us pray.

**All:** Heavenly Father, we thank you for the words, example, and actions of your Son Jesus, which give us the path to follow. We are grateful for the Spirit who comes to be with us on our journey on the path of unity, of forgiveness, of care, and of love for one another. Graced with the Resurrection of Jesus and the presence of the Spirit, help us to witness to others as a community of baptized believers.  
Alleluia. Amen.

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