

EXPLORING QUAKER SPIRITUALITY

QUAKER WORSHIP – OPTIONAL ACTIVITIES

Here are a number of reflection activities that you might like to use. You can do them on your own or discuss them with others (e.g. family, friends or members of your Quaker community).

Worship in the Manner of friends – Main Handout

Using the handouts or the Power Point sides, consider the following questions:

1. Do you find William Taber's vision of 'four doors to Meeting for Worship' helpful? What is your experience of entering into the 'invisible living stream'?
2. What is your experience of vocal ministry within worship? Do you have a memorable experience to share with others?

Worship in *Advices and Queries*

Using the five *Advices and Queries* that relate directly to Quaker worship:

1. Focus on one of the *Advices and Queries* and spend some time with it in quiet contemplation. What emerges? Consider sharing your insights on the discussion forum.
2. Can you see any of the nine characteristics of Quaker spirituality in these *Advices and Queries*? Have any new insights emerged by looking at these texts through the lens of the nine characteristics?

Worship in *Quaker Faith & Practice*

Looking at the four passages taken from *Quaker Faith and Practice*:

1. Which one speaks to you most powerfully? Why is this?
2. Is there anything in these passages that causes resistance or discomfort in you? If so, dwell on why that might be. Consider sharing your insights in the discussion forum.

***The Gathered Meeting* – Thomas Kelly**

Read the summary of Kelly's essay and/or the original work:

1. Can you identify with the strongly mystical dimension of Kelly's vision and experience? How do you respond?
2. Do you have a particular experience of the gathered meeting? If so, take some time to remember it and consider sharing your reflections in the discussion forum.

Worship in the New Testament

Reading the Apostle Paul's advice to the church in Corinth about how worship should be ordered (1 Corinthians 14:26-33):

1. Can you identify with what Paul is trying to say? What is your personal response?
2. How do you think the Quaker form of worship is an example of what William Penn called 'Primitive Christianity Revived'? Does this connection have any meaning to you at all?