

Devotional Yarn

This brief devotion is especially effective following a group sharing experience such as a retreat, a project, or even a fellowship time.

Materials

Needed: A ball of multicolored yarn.

Procedure: Group stands in circle. Leader holds ball of yarn. Begin sharing in this manner:

1. Let us each share our most joyful experience of the weekend or evening, etc. My most joyful experience was _____. After leader shares experience he or she holds end of yarn, but tosses yarn ball to another person in the circle who shares in the same manner. The last person who shares throws the ball of yarn back to the leader.

2. If the group is not too large it is good to share another thought. "Right now I want to thank God for _____,"
_____,"
tossing yarn back and forth in the same manner. Last person returns yarn ball to leader.



3. Leader holds ball of yarn, turns to person on his or her right and says, "One quality I really admire in you (person's name) is _____". Continuing to hold strand of yarn in hand the leader gives the yarn ball to the person just addressed. That person turns to the neighbor on his or her right, and continues in this way until the yarn ball is again in the hands of the leader.
4. Leader holds yarn and invites group to look at the web pattern they have woven together. Give a brief object lesson using ideas such as:
 - a. No other group will weave exactly this same pattern.

- b. If any of us had been missing the pattern would have been different.
- c. If any of us failed to hold onto our part of the yarn — the pattern would have been ruined.

Ideas for application:

1. Our relationships and opportunities for sharing cannot be duplicated.
2. Working together we learn to build relationships.
3. Any one of us can ruin or destroy our relationships with others if we fail to "hold up" our responsibility.
4. Continue to hold yarn and close with prayer:

Our Father,

Thank you for being the designer of our lives. Thank you for giving us the opportunity to weave beautiful relationships with one another. Help us to honor the trust and cooperation we have shared during this experience. Bless us as we leave this place. Help each of us to reflect you by exhibiting faithful patterns in our daily lives. Amen.