Station #1—The Puzzle of Connectedness

Instructions:
- Work alone or with others to help assemble the jigsaw puzzle. (Note that you’re invited to help assemble the puzzle and not expected to complete it.)
- Before you leave, take a puzzle piece from the bowl to remind you of your connectedness with God and with other people.

Reflect:
- What thoughts and feelings come to mind when you consider the role of relationships in your faith journey?
- How does feeling connected to God and to a faith community influence your words and actions?
- How might you extend this feeling of connectedness to those who are lonely or marginalized?

Station #2—Illumined Reading

Instructions:
- Select a Scripture or hymn text, a sheet of transparency film, and a permanent marker.
- Lay the transparency film on top of the Scripture or hymn text.
- Read through the text slowly, drawing a box around any words that speak to you, give you hope, or offer Good News. Continue reading and drawing boxes around words reading until you have selected five to ten words.
- Trace the letters of each boxed word so that your transparency has all of your selected words written on it.
- Remove the transparency from the Scripture or hymn text.
- Using the art supplies provided, illumine your selected words by illustrating, decorating, and coloring your transparency. You may connect the words to create a new phrase or focus on the words individually.
- Use the hole punch and string to create a means for hanging your artwork to allow light to further illumine your words.

Reflect:
- How has this illumination process enabled you to experience this text in new ways?
- How might your new experience of this text affect your interactions with other people and God’s world?
Station #3—Storytelling Wall

Note: Storytelling involves two equal components: telling stories and listening to stories.

Instructions for Listening to a Story:
- Select a story. Before reading it, take a deep breath to prepare yourself to be a good listener.
- When you’re prepared to listen, read the story slowly and pause regularly to imagine the sights, smells, tastes, sounds, and textures that come to mind.
- After reading, take another deep breath. Consider what you heard and how what you heard makes you feel.
- Say a prayer for the person who wrote the story and the people in the story.

Instructions for Telling a Story:
- Get a sheet of paper and a pen and select a writing prompt.
- Using the writing prompt, write a story from your life in the space provided. You can write the story anonymously or can include your name.
- When finished, post the story so others can listen to it.

Reflect:
- What words would you use to describe the experience of telling a story and listening to a story?
- How might storytelling help us be more a welcoming community?

Station #4—Letting Go of Distractions

Instructions:
- Take a deep breath and read Luke 10:38–42.
- On the paper provided, write words and phrases that describe the distractions that are preventing you from sitting and listening to Jesus.
- To symbolize letting go of the distraction, place the paper in the bowl and watch it disappear.

Reflect:
- How do distractions affect your relationship with Jesus Christ?
- What steps must you take to manage the distractions that prevent you from pausing and listening to Jesus?
Station #5—Blanket Weaving

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**Instructions:**
- Read *My Two Blankets* by Irena Kobald
- In the book, the child found comfort in a new friend who helped her weave a new blanket.
- Select a ribbon. On the ribbon, respond to the question, “How might you practice hospitality by helping others weave a new blanket?”
- Weave your ribbon into the loom to create a new blanket together.

**Reflect:**
- What obstacles and challenges prevent us from being the welcoming community that God calls us to be?
- What do we need to do overcome these obstacles and challenges?

Station #6—Beading with Scripture

**Instructions:**
- Decide whether you want to make a prayer rope, a bracelet, or a necklace and select the appropriate length of string.
- Select a Scripture text.
- Take a deep breath and read through the text slowly.
- Answer each question one at a time and in order. After you answer each question, select one or more beads that represent your answer and place the bead(s) on your string.
  - #1: What one word describes your initial response to this text? (Consider spelling the word with beads)
  - #2: What feelings come to mind as you reflect on this text?
  - #3: What is the challenge in this text?
  - #3: What is the Good News in the text?
  - #4: What one word describes how this text calling you to live? (Consider spelling the word with beads)
- When finished, complete your prayer rope, bracelet, or necklace and take it with you as a reminder of this Scripture passage.

**Reflect:**
- How has this beading process enabled you to experience this text in new ways?
- How might your new experience of this text affect your interactions with other people and God’s world?
Station #7—Zacchaeus Labyrinth Experience

Instructions:
- In the Scripture story the townspeople grumble about Zacchaeus. Select one or two red discs from the bowl, which have “grumbling” words on them. As you move through the labyrinth, meditate on the grumbling words and how these words are an obstacle to hospitality.
- In the middle of the labyrinth, exchange the red discs for the green and yellow ones, which have words of hospitality on them. As you move through the labyrinth to return to the world, meditate on the hospitality words.

Reflect:
- When do “grumbling words” infiltrate your spiritual life?
- How can you change “grumbling words” into words of welcome and hospitality?
- How might you help others focus less on grumbling and more on welcoming?

Station #8—Good Samaritan Gallery Walk

Instructions:
- Move through the picture gallery, spending time with each image.
- After viewing the images, reflect on the posted questions.

Reflect:
- How did you engage this story in new ways?
- If someone asked you, “Who is your neighbor, how would you respond?”
- To what change is this story calling you to?

Station #9—Prayer Exchange

Instructions:
- Write a prayer on the paper provided.
- Place your prayer in the prayer wall.
- Remove a prayer from the wall to take with you. Keep this prayer in your heart for at least the next 24 hours.

Reflect: In what ways does prayer connect us as followers of Jesus Christ?