

Notes:

Open Meeting on Issues Surrounding Homosexuality

November 16, 2019, 9:00am

Opening Remarks

Devotional: Mark 6:45-56

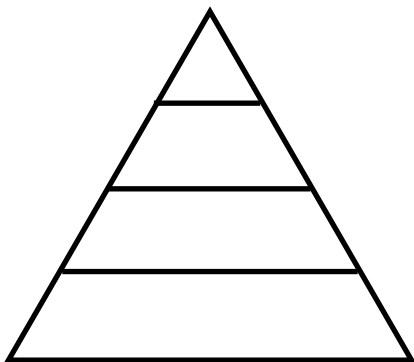
Talk about a time when you have seen Jesus at work in the life of our church.

What is the “Lesson of the Loaves” in the story of the feeding of the 5,000?

What changed during the course of the disciples’ journey across the lake?

What remained the same?

Ministry in Changing Context



Takeaway: The more radical the need for change, the more important it is to define and cling to _____
_____.

Review of Values Statements from Church Survey, along with explanatory notes. (See separate handout)

Talking with HEART (Handouts Provided)

HEART PRINCIPLES:

LEAD FROM THE HEART



- **H**ear and understand me
- **E**ven if you disagree, please don't make me wrong
- **A**cknowledge the greatness within me
- **R**emember to look for my loving intentions
- **T**ell me the truth with compassion

Qs. At your tables, decide on one to three items on this list you believe could use some work. What are your concrete suggestions?

How Values inform policies and practices: Example: Thrive

Core Practice: Asking the right questions

Qs. What questions should we discuss together in settling matters of policy and procedure around ministry to and with members of the homosexual community?