

DEVOTIONS FOR SMALL GROUPS

**There are several activities and reflections that work well for devotions. This should be intentional time together – reflecting on the day, finding peace in the evening, and preparing to rest for the night. Candles, campfires, music, silence, group discussion may all be appropriate.*

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Opening prayer:

Jesus Christ, you are the light of the world - the light no darkness can overcome. Stay with us, Lord, for it is evening and the day is almost over. Let your light scatter the darkness and shine within your people here.

A song may be sung (such as *Sanctuary*)

Invite participants to close their eyes as a leader reflects on the day:

- Recap key themes/activities/events from the day
- If there were important focus questions for the day, review those

If desired, invite participants to share in any number of ways:

- Rose (their highlight of the day), bud (something they're looking forward to), thorn (their low point of the day)
- Highs/lows
- Where they saw God today
- Physical/mental/spiritual check-in

Go over any announcements/logistics for the evening and following morning, as appropriate.

Benediction:

May God, Creator, bless us and keep us; may Christ be ever light for our lives; may the Spirit of Truth be our guide and path for all our days. Amen.

Close in prayer, if desired, otherwise depart in peace.