

Listening activity for small groups

1. As people enter the church/venue, give them a pencil and a card (see sample below) with four shapes and a number on it.
2. During the event, ask participants to:
 - a. divide their life into four equal periods of time (e.g. If you are forty, it would be 1-10, 11-20, 21-30, 31-40)
 - b. for each period, recall an experience that was formative to their faith or character or something else.
 - c. draw a simple symbol or word representing each experience in the circles.
3. Using the number on their card, direct participants to join small listening groups (4-6 people), which will be facilitated.
4. In the listening groups, ask participants to briefly share one of their recollections (or just listen if they want).
5. At the end of a 30-minute set period, play music to signal people to return to worship/the main group.
6. The cards may be collected by the group facilitators as a symbol of offertory.

Sample card

