

Query 1: Meeting for Worship

Fall 2008 Response

We yearn to be in worship together in the presence of God. Frequently after closing worship, we reflect on our worship experience together and the sense of the Spirit--or our disconnection from it. We grow together when we hear about how we speak about the Divine, and from time to time, when we hear that two or more of us had a similar thought, image, or sense of the Presence, we affirm again that Something Happens when we strip away that which would otherwise distract us from God.

Our being gathered in worship seems to deepen when there is vocal ministry, and we occasionally speak with one another about how we struggle to know if we've been given a message to be shared with others or if it is for ourselves alone.

Some of us explore regular disciplines to prepare our mind, body, and heart for worship; others are encouraged by their faithfulness. Sometimes caring for ourselves during the week can help us be present and alert to the movement of the Spirit.