

Leader's Guide: The Occult

This session focuses on recognizing and understanding the occult in our lives.

Chalice Lighting (2 min)

Ask someone to read the chalice lighting reading found in the bulletin as you light the chalice.

The gathering process is a miracle to behold! Blades of grass become a magnificent prairie!
Flowers become beautiful gardens! And we human beings gather together, and by our
togetherness become a beloved community!

—Alexander Meek, Jr.

Sharing of Joys and Sorrows (10 min)

Ask group members to check in, telling in one or two sentences how they are doing this week. Share information about absent members.

Silence (3 min)

Give your group the gift of three minutes of silence. Time it if you would like.

Shared Readings (5 min)

Have each person in turn read from the shared readings found in the bulletin until all the readings are finished.

Deep Sharing and Deep Listening (65 min)

Do three rounds of deep sharing and deep listening. Pay close attention to the time allotted each person to ensure that everyone gets a turn to share.

Round 1 (10 min): Share a time when you or someone close to you participated in or became involved in an activity you would describe as occult.

Round 2 (40 min): How has your perception of the occult changed as a result of this study?

Round 3 (15 min): Share anything that our discussion has brought up for you.

Closing Words (1 min)

Read or ask someone to read the closing words.

Now with gladness in accomplishment, and with perseverance in life's adventure,
we push on. Onward, with respect for our yesterdays. Onward, with praise for today.
Onward, with hope for tomorrow.

—Steve J. Crump

Closing Song (1 min)

“Thank You for Your Loving Hands”

Group Business (5 min)

Pass out the homework for next time.