



**Dance in the Light**  
Small Group Weekly Guide

## **Week of April 9, 2006**

### **1. Begin with Prayer**

If you think the group is ready, you can try a time of silent prayer – during which anyone who wishes can express his or her own prayer out loud. Then you can say a concluding prayer or invite everyone to say together the Lord's Prayer.

*After everyone in your group has had a chance to introduce themselves by sharing "just the facts" of their life story, your group then has a couple of options. (1) You can spend some time discussing some of the ideas that have been presented on Sunday morning. ... Or (2) people in the group can proceed to sharing more specifically about their faith journeys. Sharing our faith stories is the real goal of our small groups, so move on to that option as soon as the group is ready.*

### **2a. Discussion Option**

You may want to Look at the separate handout – "Discussion Questions for THE STORY." ... Or, let the group talk about these questions:

**Larry said in the sermon that faith is more about trust in the Person of God than it is in believing things about God. Did that make sense to you? How would you say that in your own words.**

**John Wesley, the founder of Methodism, urged the early Methodists: In essentials, unity; in non-essentials, liberty; in all**

**things, charity. ... What do you think of Wesley's principle? ... What are some of the non-essentials that Christians argue and fight about?**

**Larry listed four things that for him are essential to Christian faith: Grace, Jesus, Community, Mission. Do you agree with his list?**

**How would you define "the essentials"? For you what is essential to Christian faith?**

### **2b. Faith Journey Sharing Option**

When your group is ready, proceed to sharing faith journey stories. Remember we have a separate handout that may help members of the group prepare to share their faith journey.

### **3. Conclude with a prayer**