

CARING IN A HURTING WORLD

'STORY WHISPERING' AND PASTORAL CARE

Learning How I Listen is the **FIRST** of two modules that encourage members of your congregation to increase their skills in pastoral care.

Session 1: Who Are We?

- Building trust in the group
- Identifying how I listen
- Strengths and weaknesses in my listening
- Identifying my potential to learn how to listen more creatively

Session 2: The Wisdom Is In The Story

- Introduction to a simple model for listening
- Learning how to let the story teach you
- Finding sacred moments with others
- Listening to very difficult people

Session 3: Applying the model to our situation

- Using real life experiences
- Practicing the model
- Raising questions about using the model. Will it always work?
- Building self-confidence
- Renewing hope in God's gift of Grace
- Becoming an important part of the body of Christ.

Session 4: Clarifying Pastoral Strategies for Our Situation

- Who needs to be heard?
- How will we hear as a church?
- Who will respond to the call?
- How will we train and support them?



WHO IS LEADING THIS WORKSHOP?

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