

Small group listening and discussion – 60 minutes

Facilitator's Guide

Please be sure to make space for everyone to share their thoughts, while also keeping an eye on the time. Start with very brief introductions, pose the first question, and then invite people to a few moments of silence before sharing begins.

Round One (20 minutes) – each person shares once, with equal time for each participant

What concerns do I have about the proposed family grouping? What challenges might this pose?

Round One Summing Up (3-5 minutes) – each person shares once – this could be one word or one sentence

What did I hear? What is one main theme that is staying with me from listening to what people had to share about their concerns and challenges?

Round Two (20 minutes) – each person shares once, with equal time for each participant

What hopes do I see in the proposed family grouping? What opportunities or possibilities might this offer?

Round Two Summing Up (3-5 minutes) – each person shares once – this could be one word or one sentence

What did I hear? What is one main theme that is staying with me from listening to what people had to share about the hopes, possibilities, opportunities they see?

Free Conversation in Small Groups (remaining time – at least 10 minutes) –

Facilitator opens up the conversation to invite any feedback people would like to share, flowing out of the conversation. If needed, the facilitator can prompt the group by asking what changes they would suggest, if any, or any additional feedback they would like to provide.