

Some suggestions for animating small group discussion during the meeting



On each of the four mornings of the meeting, you will find two different video clips available on the program, located on the Taizé website, which include a Bible introduction, a presentation by a group of young people from a different part of the world along with a read version of the part of the message of Br. Alois to be used that day.

Once all the participants of your group are present, watch the two videos. Then break up into small groups. If you are just a few in number, start right away but otherwise, divide up. Small groups ideally contain no more than 7-8 persons. Sit down, take a moment to introduce yourselves, then invite each member of the group to share whatever it was in the three videos which they were struck by or would like to comment on. After each has spoken, reread the questions for that day (see below) and then open the discussion for whoever would like to respond.

As much as possible, encourage people to express themselves on the basis of their own experience and to listen to others when they speak. The aim of the small group is not to arrive at correct answers but to learn from one another and to advance together thanks to the contribution of each group member. Do what you can to maintain a welcoming atmosphere throughout and encourage the participation of everyone.

Discussion at the first meeting may be a bit slow but should become easier with each successive meeting. For this reason, try to keep the same small groups each day.

At the end of each small group meeting, you may like to ask each group member to share one remark or insight which was particularly important for them during the discussion. Before finishing, check that everyone knows what's next on the program.