

STUDY CIRCLE- FAQ

LOGISTICS



- Study circles will be held at Eeshwaramma Sai Centre
- January 13th: Session 1 @ 11.00-12.30 pm; Session 2 @ 1.30-3.00 pm
- January 14th: Session 3 @ 11.00-12.30 pm; Session 4 @ 1.30-3.00 pm
- Each study circle topic will have 2 or 3 or 4 concurrent sub-groups. Each sub-group will have a maximum of 33 delegates (minimum 18-20).
- Each delegate will be pre-assigned based on their study circle choice to a sub-group. This will be displayed on the delegate's badge.
- Signs have been made for each SC topic and sub-group #.
- Workshop coordinators to assign at least 2 facilitators to each sub-group. The facilitator teams will remain the same for both days and all 4 study circle sessions.
- Please do not change the number of groups assigned to your topic.
- Please do not change the location of your group.
- Please do not plan to have one large group meeting at the beginning or end. All sub-groups must start and finish independently.

LOGISTICS- # Groups e.g.

Topic	R.I.S.E.	R-G1	I-G2	S-G 3	E-G 4
Love My Uncertainty		S 1			
Friday 13 th, Morning					
Unity is Divinity		S 2			
Friday 13 th, Afternoon					
Speak Obligingly/ Loving communication		S 3			
Saturday 13th, Morning					
Nature the Path to Enlightenment		S 4			
Saturday 13th, Afternoon					

CONTENT



- Time allocated for the workshop is 90 minutes.
- Study circle coordinators will help pair up facilitators.
- Ideal for the whole SC team to review content together since the coordinators were responsible for generating content and can help clarify.
- Facilitator team to conduct a second review and come-up with a game plan. Facilitator team can take turns in leading a section/time keeping/scribe. Alternatively, you can choose someone from the group to keep time/scribe.
- Short Sai story/experience - activity- each facilitator team can come up with a story or experience that is meaningful and inspiring to them, personally. The content sheet has an example to serve as a guide.
- Each section has broad array of questions/quotes/discussion points. Please feel free to tailor it based on group dynamics or the SC team preference. The two important items are that the objectives must be met, which will allow delegates to then commit to actionable goals.



CONTENT DELIVERY

- Encourage and facilitate inclusive discussion where everyone has an opportunity to participate
- Moderate discussion by keeping participants to topic and on time
- Clarify an opinion when it is unclear
- Mediate differences in opinions with love and understanding
- Guide (nudge) participants to think about actionable goals
- Set and manage the pace so as to cover all topics and to especially avoid rushing at the end
- Be a good listener, maintain eye contact with speaker
- Acknowledge and appreciate contributions
- Keep it simple and use humor when appropriate

CAN WE MEET?



- We highly encourage your team to meet at least **once** before the Retreat starts on the 13th.
- We also request your team to meet on 12th and 13th evenings to consolidate the highlights from sub-group discussions. 1) This will help you prepare a 10-minute summary to be presented on the 15th. 2) All groups discussions will be reviewed, catalogued and presented to SSSIO WI for further action.
- The Study Circle coordinating team would love to meet with you. We are in the process of determining the date, time and location via zoom.



ONSITE RESOURCES

- This will be a hands and hearts on study circle experience.
- Study circle content will be posted on the Rereat website. Any additional hand-outs that you would like to give to the SC participant, please let us know by November 23rd.
- Onsite printing or photocopying capabilities is prohibited. Go Green!
- The summary presentation on January 15th will be at the Eeshwaramma Sai Centre and there will be access to screen and projector or? It is not necessary to have the summary as a PowerPoint presentation. However, if you would like to use PowerPoint, please inform us ahead of time.

REPORTING



- **January 13th**- Study Circle coordinators should choose from their team, **one** presenter. The summary presentation for each workshop topic is 10 minutes. (15th @ 9.30am-10.30 am) Please focus only on the highlights. Once the presenter has been identified, kindly inform the study circle coordinating team. These summaries are important as they will be used to present the Retreat resolutions on the 15th.
- **Sub- group discussion**- we prefer a soft copy of the sub-group discussions, consolidated from all four sessions (13 and 14). This should be provided to the Study Circle coordinating team no later than January 30th, 2023.



“All work is God's. He inspires, He helps, He executes, He enjoys, He is pleased, He reaps, He sowed.”