

## Process for faith-sharing with lectors and homilists

### Gather

1. Pray for the Holy Spirit to fill your time together.

### Proclaim

2. Read aloud the Gospel; have a brief moment of silent reflection.
3. Read aloud the Gospel, underlining words and phrases that strike you.
4. Discuss what struck you about the Gospel.
5. Read aloud the First Reading; have a brief moment of silent reflection.
6. Read aloud the First Reading, underlining words and phrases that strike you.
7. Discuss what struck you about the First Reading.
8. (Optional: Do the same with the psalm response. Check if musicians will use the proper psalm or a seasonal psalm.)

### Reflect

9. Discuss what is going on in the life of the community or in the world right now that needs to hear this Gospel-First Reading.
10. Discuss what is going on in your own life that needs to hear this Gospel-First Reading.
11. Discuss what was going on in the life of the communities that the Gospel-First Reading was originally trying to address.
12. Discuss any other exegetical or liturgical background for the readings.

### Discern

13. Based on these discussions, discern the “message” that God’s word is trying to communicate to your community in this time and place. This will be the central message of the homily.
14. Underline a sentence in the Gospel and in the First Reading that communicates this message. This will be the most important phrase for each reading.
15. Read aloud the Second Reading; have a brief moment of silent reflection.
16. Read aloud the Second Reading, underlining words and phrases that might complement the message from the Gospel-First Reading. Discern what might be the most important phrase in the Second Reading that complements that message. If there isn’t a clear connection to the Gospel-First Reading, find the most important phrase for the reading’s passage.

### Practice

17. Each lector practices out loud his or her reading, emphasizing the most important phrase that the group discerned.

### Give thanks

18. Pray, giving thanks for the Word present in your midst.