

Start off with . . .

Questions to guide your discussion; as time allows, general conversation about the sermon is welcomed

Around the Circle: A question to get everyone talking and involved

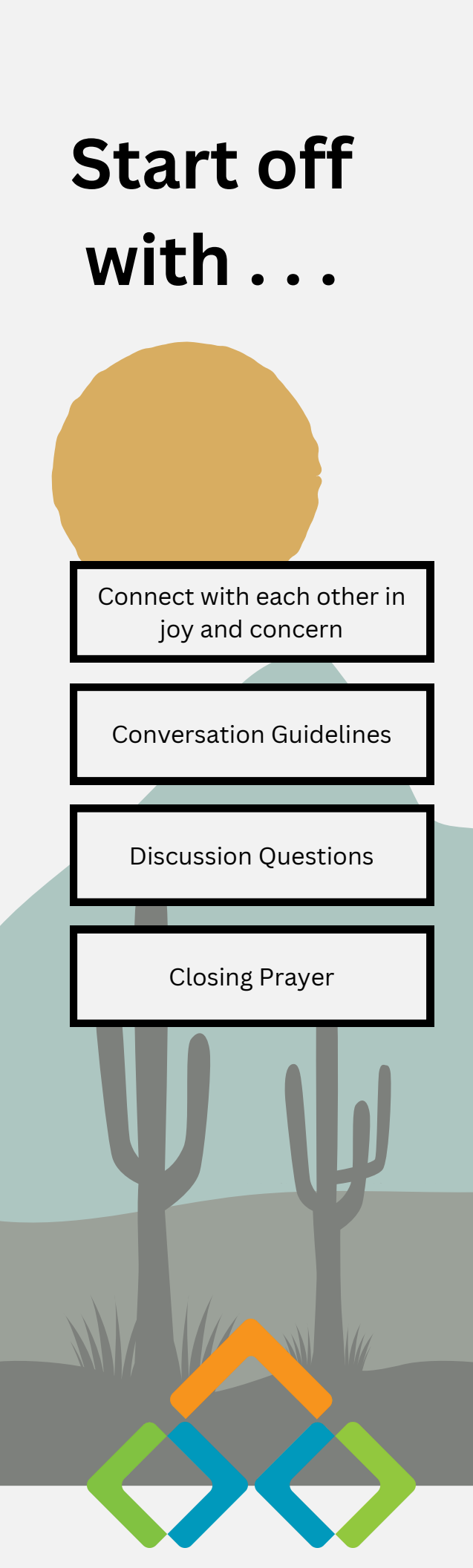
- When you hear the word GREAT what images, people, or places come to mind?

Select Few: Questions designed for a few group members to offer personal experience or vulnerable insights.

- When have you experienced the pathway to achievement as a neverending cycle of despair?
- If Jesus would have asked you who the greatest in all of Scripture is, who would you have chosen?
- Jesus offers two paths to greatness in his discussion with the crowd (the way of Herod and the way of John). The most common path is Herod's, and it is marked by achievement, wealth, independence, and recognition. In what ways, have you pursued this path toward greatness?
- We all face deserted places and spaces, what makes them hard for you? If comfortable, share one of your experiences in the desert.

Dig Deep: A question that may or may not be answered in session, but should be encouraged for members to wrestle with all week.

- Where do you most need to grow in your dependence on God?



Connect with each other in joy and concern

Conversation Guidelines

Discussion Questions

Closing Prayer