

Subject: FCW Meeting Notes - November 13, 2023

Hello Everyone,

We had plenty of discussion on Monday and also [welcomed Lois Fritch and Mary Roberts to our gathering!](#)

Attached to this message, you will find a copy of the 'reminder' document for our December meeting to keep you on track for our December gathering.

Thank you for your 'agenda flexibility' this past Monday. It was a shame we did not get to our Bible study video with Liz! However, it did reveal some important insights for our future gatherings.

To ensure gatherings move along more smoothly going forward, please read below:

1) Remember to select your refreshments immediately upon arrival and select your seat.

2) Our regular meeting start time is 6:30PM. Opening Devotion should begin no later than 6:45; once everyone is seated, the person with the devotion will begin.

3) The Bible videos will start *immediately following* the opening devotion.

Most videos are 12 minutes in length. Generally we need ~ 30-40 minutes to complete the discussion questions. With that timing in mind, we should complete our study within 45 minutes.

4) All other discussion topics/general conversation, will follow upon completion of video/discussion session.

I hope this change of logistics is comfortable for all? I (Bev) am suggesting the change because I recognize some people may need to leave a gathering a bit early from time to time and none of us want to miss the video!

I would like us to begin using the above revised 'order of business' at our January, 2024 meeting, with the target conclusion of meeting being 8:00PM. Thanks for your understanding!

**November 13th meeting notes:**

- Opening devotion was shared by Pam Barlow, a reading from author Ruth Bell Graham. "Life Eternal, Life Contagious". The reading shares about a prisoner during a tribal war in Uganda. The prisoner was a strong Christian man who shared his faith and forgave his captors prior to being executed. He was a strong witness to other prisoners of Christian faith.
  - For more information about standing firm in our faith, review: The Upper Room booklet dated 10/22/2-23. Refer to the writing "[Deny me Not](#)" where it references: Mark 8:34-38.
- A high level review of FCW activities (bullet point list) over the past 10 months was shared by Pam. Much discussion resulted, which is the reason it became too late to view the Jezebel video.
- More to come in February on miscellaneous activities as well as discussion surrounding future Bible video(s) for 2024.

Happy Thanksgiving to all!

Bev, Lisa, Pam