

Patterns and Examples

Taking the next steps



“We do not own the world, and its riches are not ours to dispose of at will. Show a loving consideration for all creatures, and seek to maintain the beauty and variety of the world. Work to ensure that our increasing power over nature is used responsibly, with reverence for life. Rejoice in the splendour of God’s continuing creation.”

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“Let your life and the things you say and do, communicate the way of the Spirit to others. Be visible examples and a source of inspiration to all people across the world. Rise above and overcome the negative ways of the world, and help people turn to the Spirit that dwells within them.”

George Fox, 1656 (Modern English Paraphrase)

Take some time to reflect on the experience of working through these nine themes:

- 1. Openings:** the promptings of love and truth
- 2. Convincement:** imperfect but loved
- 3. Acceptance:** telling it like it is
- 4. New Life:** choosing a different path
- 5. Transformation:** liberation and wholeness
- 6. Testimony:** doing the truth
- 7. Discernment:** a guided people
- 8. Faithfulness:** a costly way
- 9. New Creation:** the peaceable kingdom

Questions to consider

- What do I feel led to do as an individual?
- What do we feel led to do as a community?
- How might we reach out and work with other people of faith?
- How might we reach out and work with other groups in our community?
- What does love require of us at this time?