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1. **What did we hear?**

* It is all our responsibility to evangelize.
* We need to plan for increased diversity and the role of immigrants in the Church.
* Small groups can be used for evangelizing.
* Accompaniment and going on the journey with others is important.
* All people should be welcomed; no judging.
* Need to focus on engaging youth and listening to them.
* Do less talk and more listening.
* We need to ask about others’ stories.

1. **What does it mean for our parish?**

* We need to learn to be more open and welcoming.
* Need to figure out ways to make others feel welcomed and equal in our parish/Church.
* What are the stories of our parishioners? We need to encourage others to share their stories.
* How can we support and welcome young families – especially those who are coming back?
* How can we support families before/during/after funerals when some who have not been in church for a long time have come back?
* We need to set up opportunities for sharing generational stories with youth.
* We need to ask questions and listen. Do a survey of parishioners to get their opinions/ideas.

1. **What help do we need?**

* Information/input from our parishioners.
* Need help from parents in evangelizing our youth.
* Need an evening mass option (at least once in a while) to bring back some who have stopped attending after our masses were cut down to Sunday morning only and to encourage more young families to attend.