

Currents for Groups: An Evening Together

For church or synagogue groups, senior centers, libraries, book clubs and class reunions. About an hour. No sign-up, no cost.



BEFORE THE EVENING

- Ask everyone to bring a phone. Those without one can pair with a neighbor.
- Print this page for yourself. Write the address large on a board or card:
thepresentisthepen.com
- Set chairs in small circles of three or four if you can.

What it is. Twelve plain statements, about three minutes. Each person learns the name of their Current: where their life is running full this season, and where something is quietly rising. There are 31 Currents. None is better than another, and none is forever.

What it is not. Not a test, not a diagnosis, not counseling. It is a reason for good conversation. Anyone may pass on any question, always.

Privacy. Each person's answers stay on their own phone. Nobody sees anyone's answers unless they choose to share.

THE EVENING, STEP BY STEP

1 Welcome · 5 minutes

Read aloud: "The past is a story. The future is a forecast. The present is the pen." Tell them tonight nobody is graded.

2 Find your Current · 10 minutes

Everyone opens **thepresentisthepen.com** and answers the twelve. Walk the room and help anyone stuck.

3 Turn to your neighbor · 15 minutes

Each person says the name of their Current and reads the lines under "You'll recognize this." Then: "Is it true?"

4 Three questions · 25 minutes

Choose three from the list at right. Read one aloud, give the circles a few minutes, then invite one or two people to share with the whole room.

5 Close · 5 minutes

Each person names one small thing to try this week. Suggest they send their result to someone they love and compare at the table.

QUESTIONS TO CHOOSE FROM

- Which part of your life is running full this season?
- Where is something quietly rising in you?
- What did you set down when the children came, or the job got bigger, that you would like to pick up again?
- Who would be surprised to meet the rest of you?
- What do you know now that you wish you had known at thirty?
- What would you like the people after you to know about you?
- If this year were a chapter, what would its title be?

AFTERWARD

Everyone can keep exploring the full Atlas, free through Thanksgiving, and hear a short true story from John every Sunday evening.

Want John to come and lead the evening himself? Write to **john@thepresentisthepen.com**.

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