

# Reader's reactions

**Lezley J Stewart**

## **Where Two or Three are Gathered: Themed Resources for Group Worship**

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Recently I purchased 'Where Two or Three are Gathered: Themed Resources for Group Worship' by Lezley J Stewart as I am always looking for inspiration to help me with my weekly times of worship and during smaller group worship times. I have found that this book is a well-constructed worship resource, easy to use for both laity and ordained.

It is accompanied with an extremely useful CDROM, which can be used for projection, if you use PowerPoint, or indeed if one prefers to read from an electronic reading device. And it is also helpful to print out responses and prayers for use in any worship group setting.

Each topic has a 'Creative Centre', which I believe certainly opens the theme with clear imagery. This enables those who prefer some form of picture to relate clearly to each theme, as it is good to use as many senses as we can in worship.



Although the book was designed for small worship group settings, used by any worship leader, I felt that the themes, prayers and responses could quite easily be dipped into for use in many other worship settings, formal or informal.

Each theme in the book has four separate readings and reflections, which means that it can be used on more than one occasion. Actually, if you were meeting weekly there is something there for at least 48 weeks of the year. And the way each themed 'Prayer Liturgy' is constructed it means that it can be easily led by more than one participant, but instead many voices.

A valuable resource which will help Guild leaders, Home Group leaders, as well as any who lead regular weekly times of worship morning or evening. I believe it will also be a good resource that can be used before church meetings and other times where a reflection is required before business begins.

Well done to Lezley J Stewart for sharing this resource with us, I am sure the Church will benefit greatly from it.

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## Additional Resources

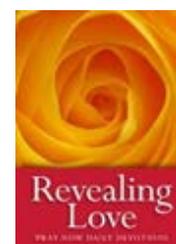
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