FAITH ON THE WAY

Worksheet 4D: Bible and Tradition

The session is to be spent working from a Bible passage. The purpose is to let the Bible story have its effect on people's lives, rather than spend time analysing it in an intellectual way.

Preliminary work

Choose the passage to be used. This could be the next Sunday's gospel or a passage which seems to be particularly appropriate to the work of the group. Suggestions include the call of the disciples (Mark 1:15-20 or John 1:35-42); the healing of the paralysed man (Mark 2:1-12 or Luke 5:17-26); the stilling of the storm (Mark 4:35-41); Zacchaeus (Luke 19:1-10) or, from the story of the early Church, Philip and the Ethiopian (Acts 8:26-40).

Task

- 1. Use the 'African Method' in Chapter 6 of *Faith on the Way* or some other way to work with the chosen passage. (If the group is large enough, divide into two so that each group can use different methods.) Spend about three-quarters of an hour on this.
- 2. Break for refreshments.
- 3. Spend twenty minutes in a review of the work with the Bible. (If the group divided, this will include each group sharing their experience with the other.)
- 4. Close with a simple, structured time of worship which expresses what has happened during the session.