

Topic 10 2012: Transforming Power of Love – October 2012
Ingathering and housekeeping: such as next meeting place day and time.

Light the Chalice

Check-in

Opening Words:

*Others will love, and we will teach them how;
Instruct them how the mind of man becomes
A thousand times more beautiful than the earth
On which he dwells. William Wordsworth*

Lines Composed a Few Miles above Tintern Abbey

Topic Introduction:

Love is the doctrine of our church, but how does love move us? Help us grow?
Become better people? Deepak Chopra suggests that the spiritual meaning of love is
best measured by what it can do:

Love can heal.

Love can renew.

Love can make us safe.

Love can inspire us with its power.

Love can bring us closer to God.

*Deepak Chopra, **The Path to Love***

Sharing deep listening:

- **How important *to you* is the ability to love? How necessary is it to you to be able to *receive* love from others? To *show* love to others?**
- **Does love really have the power to change a person? What *is* it about love that makes it such a potent force in people's lives?**
- **Has love ever healed you? Share a time in your life when you felt healed. How did that healing transform you?**
- **Has love ever inspired you? Share a time in your life when you felt inspired by love. How did that transform you?**
- **Think about your current relationships. What can you do to use love to transform a situation in your current life?**

Topic discussion

Likes and Wishes

Closing Words:

And love can come to everyone,

The best things in life are free.

Lew Brown and Buddy G. De Sylva

“The Best Things in Life are Free”

Extinguish the Chalice