

WHEN TO USE FOCUS QUESTION

SET A: THE CARING RELATIONSHIP

1. The group wants a beginning look at a relationship.
2. The Care Partner needs a refresher on basic activities that need to happen in a relationship.
3. The group wants to get a general view of what is going on in the relationship.
4. The relationship between Care Partner and Care Receiver seems to be going sour and the group isn't sure what is causing the difficulty.
5. The Care Partner needs to value the healing power of the relationship itself apart from specific results.

SET B: THE SPIRITUAL NATURE OF THE CARING RELATIONSHIP

1. The Care Partner needs to see what God is doing in the relationship.
2. The Care Partner does not see anything constructive happening in the relationship.
3. The Care Partner has lost sight of God's part in the relationship. The Care Partner is:
 - emphasizing cure rather than care
 - self-centered instead of Christ-centered
 - trying to make everything happen by themselves

SET C: THE DIRECTION OF THE CARING RELATIONSHIP

1. The Care Partner expresses confusion about what is, or what should be happening in the relationship.
2. The Care Partner or Care Receiver wonders whether it's time to bring closure to the relationship.
3. The group is wondering whether it would be appropriate to close the relationship.
4. The relationship seems to have lost its purpose or direction.
5. The group wants to look ahead in the relationship to what might be coming.

SET D: THE CARE PARTNER'S FEELINGS ABOUT THE CARING PROCESS

1. The Care Partner needs to let off steam about the relationship.
2. The Care Partner is having difficulty with the relationship.
3. The Care Partner feels vague dissatisfaction with the relationship.
4. The Care Partner's emotions are too intense or not intense enough.
5. The Care Partner shows signs of boredom in the relationship.

SET E: THE CARE PARTNER'S SKILLS

1. The group wants to affirm the Care Partner for using good caring skills.
2. The group suspects the Care Partner is not using needed skills or they need to develop certain skills.
3. The group wants to look in-depth at one visit between the Care Partner and Care Receiver.
4. To determine what help, growth, or continuing education would most benefit the Care Partner.
5. The Care Partner needs to use caring skills more effectively to improve the relationship.

SET F: THE CARE PARTNER'S PERSONAL GROWTH

1. The Care Partner needs to look at how the kind of person they are affects their caregiving.
2. The Care Partner needs to see how their relationship with God affects their caregiving.
3. The Care Partner is facing a personal growth crisis. (The supervision group can recognize signs of anxiety, confusion, or anger in the Care Partner and can provide them with the opportunity to recognize and deal with the personal growth crisis).

SET G: THE CARE RECEIVER'S SITUATION

1. The Care Partner does not understand everything going on in the relationship.
2. The group detects conflict between the Care Partner and the Care Receiver.
3. The Care Partner believes it may be needed to refer the Care Receiver to a community resource.
4. There is an emergency situation in the Care Receiver's life.
5. The group is unsure whether this Care Partner is the correct caregiver for this Care Receiver.
6. The Care Partner is feeling overwhelmed, scared, or worried about the relationship.
7. The group suspects there may be multiple needs and priorities for ministry in the Care Receiver's life and the most obvious needs are not necessarily the most important needs.
8. There are contradictions between what the Care Receiver says and what they do.

SET H: A POSSIBLE MENTAL HEALTH REFERRAL

1. The Care Receiver shows signs of being severely depressed.
2. The Care Receiver seems increasingly unable to cope with life.
3. The Care Partner wonders whether the Care Receiver might be suicidal.
4. The Care Partner is considering referring the Care Receiver to a mental health professional.