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- Do I give my full attention to the discussion rather than carry on side conversations?
- Am I sensitive to how others feel about what they are saying? Do I help someone who is discouraged or who is new to the group feel accepted and loved?
- Do I avoid monopolizing the discussion? Do I contribute relevant ideas and raise questions that encourage everyone to discover and see for him or herself?
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