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[Explanation – Above is 2-sided card with 2 copies on single page – after printing, card is cut in ½ horizontally, to save paper.

Use vision statement of fraternity or perhaps a particular part of the Rule to highlight on back side of card. With above example, an associated activity involves giving to each participant, a small piece of clay or play-dough for the person to hold/mold while listening to the song video or and then to Prologue to the Rule, to Jeremiah 18:1-6, to Prologue to John's Gospel, or to other Scripture or favorite Franciscan reading. Reflect on the questions below, choose one, and mold your response into the clay in your hand. You are invited to share your response with those in your group:

1. "What treasure did your heart desire as you professed to live this Franciscan life?"
2. "How do you experience lowliness in your life? (As blessing?)"
3. "How gifts in your own personality, or what examples of others, nourish your own style of servant leadership?"

This could be related to several aspect of FUN Manual on the Rule, pp. 2-46, or to studies of Servant Leadership (p. 310 and following in *Franciscan Journey ...*), or to the poverty and humility of God, etc.

See p. 98 and following in *Franciscan Journey ...* as Inquirers become Candidates and enter the Order – images and themes around the potter.]