**Wellspring of Joy, Lesson 4 Apr 22**

Theme: Consultation at the community meeting

Memorization**:** Rely upon God. Trust in Him. Praise Him, and call Him continually to mind. He verily turneth trouble into ease, and sorry into solace, and toil into utter peace. ~ ‘Abdu’l-Bahá

**Five Steps in Consultation**

1. The first condition is absolute love and harmony among those consulting together
2. Understand the problem.
3. Define the problem.
4. Openly examine fears and misconceptions.
5. Gather, present and agree upon the facts.
6. Identify the relevant spiritual principles
7. Find the solution
8. Collectively explore ways to implement those principles so that unity is preserved and enhanced.
9. Implement the solution

**Scenarios**

In your small group, describe or list details for each step, when consulting about the scenario assigned to your group.

1. Your mom/dad is not happy with the amount of time you spend on a screen. How would you have a consultation with them about how much screen time is appropriate?
2. You and your sister share a room and there have been issue with keeping it clean. You like keeping it tidy but your sister often leaves her clothes on the bed, floor, and desk. How would you have a consultation about keeping the room tidy?
3. Your JY group wants to do a service project and needs to decide on one. How would you have a consultation to decide what service project to do?
4. With everyone in quarantine, your mom is feeling overwhelmed with the amount of extra housework that is required. How would you have a consultation about distributing chores?
5. Two members of your family have recently become vegetarian, while the rest of the family still eats meat. Consult on what a fair dinner plan would be to meet the needs of the whole family.