



STUDY GUIDE GEEZ 73: THE FIRE RAGES ON

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IGNITE THE SPARK

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. What movements are most near and dear to you? What drew you to them? Have you continued to participate? Explore these questions and answers within a community you hold dear.
2. How do you mark beginnings? What are some of the rituals, practices, and sacred spaces that ground you when you start something new? How has ritual prepared you to enter into new beginnings?
3. How can you ensure that trans beloveds in the world can experience the fullness of joy?

ACTIVITIES

1. Light a candle. Meditate on the process of lighting the candle – from taking out a lighter/box of matches, igniting the light, touching the light to a wick, observing the flame's presence on the wick, blowing out the candle, and observing the smoke. What did you notice in this process from ignition to smoke?
2. Do you have a ritual to begin your day? Create a ritual that you find grounding. Write it on paper and commit to practicing it for one week. Reflect: What impact has starting with a ritual had on your day?

FUEL THE FLAME

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. Where do you feel your passion for equity most aflame? What are your burning desires for justice in your communities? Reflect on where these passions and desires can be embodied in your communities.
2. Fire is both beautiful, needed, and dangerous. With beloveds, talk about the diverse forms of fire and how it has impacted you and your communities.

ACTIVITIES

1. Write a letter (with a pen and paper!) to someone who has helped fuel your flame for justice and activism.
2. Gather in community to sing from Shipp's "hymn for the burning."

FROM THE ASHES

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. Why is grieving so simultaneously beautiful and complicated? Explore this question with a beloved in your life.
2. Gather with community to read through the pages of this issue of *Geez*. What does it mean to you that *Geez Magazine* is making the hard and holy decision to lie fallow? What are the areas in your life that may need to prepare for a fallow season?

ACTIVITIES

1. Take ashes from a campfire or burn area. Add just a bit of water to the ashes. Use the dampened ashes as an art medium on a piece of paper. Observe the sensations that arise when creating from ashes.
2. Research native plants in your area. Acquire seeds or, if available, find a clipping of the plant. Observe the cycle from the seed/clipping while exploring parallels in your life of burial and growth.