

IN TODAY'S PROGRAM:
Telephone of the Wind Spotlight looks at the "Telephone of the Wind" in Japan

DISCUSS!

Begin by introducing yourself to your group. Each person should say his or her name.

1. Have you ever used a telephone booth or telephone cabin to make a phone call? Are phones for public use easy to find or hard to find in your country? Tell us about the phone you use most often to call someone.
2. Read lines 29-34. (**Club Leader:** *if you have a Skype club, for this reading and all following readings choose just one person to read.*) Have you experienced a natural disaster such as an earthquake, a hurricane, a typhoon, a tsunami, a flood, or a volcano? What natural disasters occur in your country?
 - a. Tell us about the preparations for these dangers such as emergency systems that your community has made.
 - b. Tell us about the special plans that you and your family have made in preparation for possible natural disasters.
3. Read both lines 59-62 and lines 63-66. How does talking to or talking about the people who have died help many people express their emotions? If you could use the telephone of the wind to talk to someone who has died, whom would you talk to? What would you say to that person?
4. In your country, how is respect shown for those who have died? Tell us about the customs to show sorrow or to mourn for the dead in your country.
 - a. How much time passes between the death of a person and the burial or cremation of that person's body?
 - b. Where do the ceremonies and rituals for the dead take place, in a public place such as a religious center or in the home?
 - c. How do others demonstrate support for those who have experienced the death of a family member or close friend in your culture?
5. Have you ever lost someone that you loved? Tell us how you deal with that loss. What is the best way to prepare for the loss of someone you love? (**Club Leader:** *Thank those who are willing to share on this topic.*)
6. What happens to you after you die? Tell us why you believe this happens at death. (**Club Leader:** *Be sensitive to cultural differences in asking this question and encourage respectful listening within the group. If you have time to stay after the club, invite people to talk to you if they have questions about the program or about spiritual things.*)

TIPS FOR VOLUNTEERS: Pray for discernment and wisdom to know with whom and when to share Christ's love and the good news. Ask God for sensitivity to His timing and over security issues.