

POINT GROUP LEADER GUIDE WINTER WEEK #2

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This guide is designed to give helpful hints in preparing & leading your group in discussion.

LEADER NOTES

🔗 PRAYER NOTE

Remember, our goal isn't to scare people into public prayer! We would like to see our group come together and pray for one another. Be sure to check in on prayer requests from last week!

🔗 ATTENDANCE

We're getting close!

We are finalizing attendance sheets this Thursday. If someone is on your sheet that isn't coming to your group, please let us know by Thursday 2/20

🔗 ANNOUNCEMENTS

BE SURE TO HAVE A LOOK! LET YOUR GROUP KNOW WHAT'S HAPPENING!

UPCOMING EVENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please read through these and make sure to mention them if they apply to your group.

Bold items are happening this week.

Feb 22 – Sat 6 PM service launch

God is Moving!

Join us in celebration as we begin to offer a 6pm Saturday Night Service! Invite EVERYONE!

Feb 23 –Father Daughter Dance (6-830PM Portsmouth Ambassadors Club)

Fathers, treat your daughters to a special night out at our Father Daughter Dance!

Sunday, February 23, we're hosting the dance at the Ambassador Club in Portsmouth. We'll have food, dancing, and fun!

Cost is \$45 for father and daughter and \$5 for each additional daughter.

Mar 2 – Men's Breakfast & Kids Baptism Class

Mar 7 – Students Movie Night

Bring your student out for a night of pizza, snacks, popcorn and hanging out! Event is from 6:30-9pm

Mar 8 – Serve Saturday

Mar 15 – Coffee Chat (Women’s Min) in AM, JCH preaching

Mar 16 Annual Business Meeting

Come see what the Lord has done this year!

Parents – If your children have trusted in Jesus as their only savior and are interested in Baptism please email jlee@pointharbor.com or fill out a connection card to get signed up for kids Baptism class.

Any additional information and signups are available on our website. If you have a member that needs more specific details. Please have them send an email to Pastor Tim ttrinkle@pointharbor.com

DISCUSSION/LEADER GUIDE

Warm Up – Again - Remind your group to keep these “light-hearted”. Our “ice breaker” time is a terrible spot for marriage counseling or for a “*marital disagreement*” to break out.

1. Have you ever had to follow someone's leadership in a situation where you didn't fully understand their perspective? Or maybe you didn't agree with their direction. What was that like?

2. What's something unexpected you've learned about relationships-whether in marriage, friendships, or family-that has shaped how you interact with others?

Know It

1. Re-Read Ephesians 5:15-33. What does this passage reveal about God's purpose for relationships beyond just marriage?

This is a great opportunity to point people to the Gospel. When people who don't know Christ see how we are all treating each other there *should* be a “draw”. Questions should be asked. This is a good opportunity to point out that our marriage success has more implications than us just being happy. It has a gospel impact on our kids and our community.

2. Verse 18 talks about being filled with the Spirit. How does this impact the way we love and serve others? It's been said that the hardest part of any job is the people. Loving your wife and submitting to your husband isn't easy. You have to love/submit to a sinner that's far from perfect. But when we are filled with the Spirit, we are able to bear HIS fruits! We serve and love better when we are walking with Jesus and filled with the Spirit.

3. Paul emphasizes sacrificial love. How can we apply that principle in relationships outside of marriage, such as friendships or within the church?

4. In what ways does our culture misunderstand or misrepresent biblical submission and leadership?

This is a great space for conversation around how your point group sees biblical submission and leadership. As you speak, remember to point your group back to scripture! 1 Peter 3: 1-12 is helpful.

Biblical submission is the voluntary placing yourself under someone else and biblical leadership is spelled out in 1 Peter 3:7! We can't lead our homes well if we don't take the time to listen to our wives to see what they need and how we can love them well.

5. How can we practically demonstrate Christ-like love in our daily interactions, even when it's difficult?

Live It

1. What's one takeaway from this discussion that you want to apply this week?

2. Do you think you've been giving respect where love is due? What about the other way around? How can you start to change that this week?

3. Who in your life could benefit from being shown more intentional love and respect? How can you demonstrate that practically?

TIPS ON GROUP PRAYER

Prayer is an essential part of being in a Point Group. Over the years, we've all been a part of an awkward prayer circle! To avoid that, have a look at these tips.

WE PRAY FOR ONE TOPIC AT A TIME - Anyone in the group is free to introduce a prayer request, either before prayer begins or during prayer time. Once a topic is introduced, the group focuses on that request alone. Once it's covered, the group moves on to the next topic.

PRAY MORE THAN ONCE - Because the group is focusing on one topic at a time, each person is encouraged to pray several times during the prayer time for those topics they feel most led to pray about. No one is required to pray.

WE KEEP OUR PRAYERS SHORT AND SIMPLE - Group prayer goes better when members keep their prayers short and to the point. When someone prays for a long time, it's hard for the other members to stay focused, and long prayers tend to intimidate those who are just learning to pray out loud in a group. No one is required to pray out loud.