

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

Please let us know if you still haven't seen someone come to a group that's on your list. We'll remove them from your list so that we can get you a "clean" attendance sheet. This will also help us make sure we're all plugged into a group. If you're not getting an attendance reminder email in your inbox before your group meets. It's very important for you to email Michele mblakeslee@pointharbor.com to get you setup correctly.

🔗 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 10 – Women's Galentine's Day event

Join us for a heartwarming and faith-filled Galentine's Day celebration with our Women's Ministry! Embrace the love and joy of sisterhood as we come together to honor the special bonds that unite us. This event is a beautiful opportunity to cherish friendships that God has graciously woven into our lives. Expect an evening of laughter, inspiration, and connection as we delve into the Word of God and explore the depth of His love. Together, we'll celebrate the unique beauty and strength that each woman brings to our community.

Feb 15 – Coffee Chat (Women's Min)

Join the ladies of Point Harbor every month for coffee and conversation on a specified biblical topic! Enjoy the company of other woman as you learn together and grow yourself in the Lord! Meeting monthly every 3rd Saturday at 10am in Classroom C at Point Harbor.

Feb 16 – Next Gen Event

Prepare to explore the nooks and crannies of Point Harbor on our campus-wide scavenger hunt! We'll break into teams and take photos of all the items on your list. The first team to find everything wins a prize!

Food and childcare will be provided.

This event is for 18-35 year olds.

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

Men – Join us for Breakfast in the Youth Building at 7 am. There is no need to register, we just want you to show up for a good meal and time with guys in your season of life. See you there!

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 – 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 taken a picture that turned out completely different than you expected? What happened?
2. Have you ever tried to work as a team with your spouse and it didn't work out? What was that like? Why did it end up a mess? (Funny stories ONLY)

Know It –

1. **Read Ephesians 5:22-33.** Based on this passage, what would be a biblical foundation for a healthy marriage? How is this different from some of the popular advice you can find in the world?
I encourage you to break this passage up and have the group read. Take volunteers if you believe literacy may be an issue in your group.
A biblical marriage is founded on Jesus! The only healthy way to be married is to have Jesus at the center of your marriage. You'll daily seek to live filled with the Holy Spirit instead of trying to “find yourself”. A common piece of advice says, “If you're living the truest form of yourself and you're happy, your marriage will thrive.” That couldn't be farther from the truth! Living the truest form of yourself means living to fulfill your desires and ignoring everyone else around you.

2. There is a call for wives to “respect” and for husbands to love. What do you think happens when we get this mixed up? What about if we ignore it altogether?
 Long story short. God made us different. Men and Women respond to different things. Yes, husbands want love and wives want respect. But ultimately, because of the way God has hardwired us, the quickest way to a man’s heart is respect. The fastest way to show a woman you care is to love them well.

 Mixing these up or ignoring them will result in a marriage that lacks *fuel*. Think about it: To drive to work, you need to *fuel your car*. Your car then uses the energy you give it to get you to where you’d like to go. Marriages are the same. Both members of the marriage need fuel, and the fuel they need is spelled out in this passage! Respect for men, Love for women. Neither is better or more superior. Just different!
3. How is biblical submission different from what culture often assumes it to be?
 It’s common for people to assume that submission in marriage means that Mr. Husband is the dictator of the house, and like a dictator, he gets to call the shots and come home to everyone doing all of his bidding. That’s a cheap lie!
 Submission is the understanding that God placed the Husband as the head of the household so that the Husband may *love* his family like Jesus. So, to submit is to set oneself under that leadership willfully. *Out of obedience to God*.
4. Why do you think biblical submission is such a struggle in many marriages?
 I would assume that most people don’t understand its purpose or how it works. Look at 1 Peter 3:1-12
5. Husbands are commanded to *love their wives as Christ loved the Church*. What does that kind of love look like?
 Look at Jesus! He denied himself *every comfort* and submitted to death at the hands of the ROMANS! Husbands, are you sacrificially loving your wife? How do you think Jesus would do better?
6. Why is it essential that husbands take responsibility rather than demand authority?
 Again – Look at Jesus! Jesus never stepped into the arena and demanded followership. People were drawn to him because of the way he loved them! Love your spouse! EVEN WHEN IT’S HARD.
7. Paul describes marriage as a *“profound mystery”* that reflects Christ and the Church. How does this change the way we view marriage?

 We aren’t in marriage to satisfy ourselves, for guilt-free sex or so that we can have “arm candy”. We’re in it to reflect what Jesus does for us!
8. Do you think a healthy marriage can testify to the power of The Gospel? Why/Why not?

Live It

1. What of this weeks sermon stood out to you the most? Why?
2. How do you think this week’s sermon and discussion apply to your current life season? What can you do “tomorrow” to live more like Christ?

3. What part of this study do you think will be tough to apply? Why?

This Week I'm Praying For...

Use this space to take notes on how you can pray for your group

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.