

# POINT GROUP LEADER GUIDE WINTER WEEK #7

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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!

### 🔗 ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

### 🔗 DON'T FORGET YOUR SINGLES!

If you have singles in your group, make sure you're encouraging them in all of their relationships. While these truths are *designed* for Christian Marriage, they don't suddenly become un-helpful in other areas of their lives.

## 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.***

Mar 13 – Financial Peace University

If you have a Point Group Member struggling financially, ***privately*** invite them to join us for FPU on March 13<sup>th</sup>. This is a weekly class that runs until May 8<sup>th</sup>.

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!

Apr 2 – Parent Workshop

If your parenting isn't perfect..... This is the workshop for you. There is no cost, and dinner is provided. This runs from 7-8 pm in Classroom c

Apr 5/6 – Baptisms

Is someone in your group ready to take the plunge in Believers Baptism? Have them fill out a connection card on the church website so that we can reach out to them!

Apr 6 - Men's Breakfast

Apr 12/13 - Palm Sunday

Apr 12 - Serve Saturday

***Any additional information and signups are available on our website. If you have a member who needs more specific details, please have them send an email to Pastor Tim at [ttrinkle@pointharbor.com](mailto:ttrinkle@pointharbor.com)***

## DISCUSSION/LEADER GUIDE

### Warm Up

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Would you rather...

a) Be stuck on a deserted island with someone who is really interesting and fun, but it seems like they go out of their way to make bad choices?

-OR-

b) Be stuck on the same island with someone who is a wonderful survivalist and very wise but they are *incapable* of having a good time?

Why?

### Know It

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#### **READ: 1 Samuel 25:1–39**

1. Based on this passage, and Proverbs 1:7 – how does the bible define a fool?

As we discussed this Sunday, a fool has not much to do with someone who is “stupid”, or even someone who makes bad choices. It’s someone who actively rejects God based on their desire to please themselves.

2. Do you think foolishness is a choice or something that people “just are”? Explain.

Here is where it can become confusing. When we are wanting to please ourselves, and we are being selfish, we often make choices that are outright bad! I remember once being offered a personal loan in the mail that carried a 429% APR! Not a typo – I didn’t leave out a decimal. Sure I could have bought myself something nice *right now*, so that I could worship my idol of “*fill in the blank*” but taking that loan would have been dumb, and worshiping my idol of whatever would have been foolish.

3. How did Nabal's foolishness put his entire household in danger?
4. How does the behavior of one spouse affect an entire family?

Spiritual foolishness puts the whole family at risk. It gives the children the wrong view of God, it causes a rift in the marriage and usually the finances are a mess. When someone says "no, I can figure this out MY WAY" usually they cannot, and everything becomes a mess.

5. If someone you love is in a difficult marriage, how should you counsel them biblically?  
It's so easy to say "Girl/Bro, LEAVE". But that's not biblical. If I were speaking to a husband or a wife, I would ask them how they are doing at Ephesians 5. It's easy to say what they want to hear, but, it's so much more beneficial to *listen, then point them to Christ*.

### **READ: 2 Corinthians 6:14-15**

6. What are some of the dangers of being "Unequally Yoked"?
7. Have you ever seen someone ignore red flags in a relationship because of emotions?
8. How do you avoid marrying a fool? If you're already married... how would you disciple someone through the dating scene knowing what God's word says in 2 Corinthians?

### Live It

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1. How can you live out the "Wisdom of Abigail" this week?
2. Most of us have friends or loved ones that are in difficult relationships. How can you better encourage them this week because of what we learned here?
3. How can this study help you more effectively pray for your spouse this week?

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.