



Say Yes! Life Groups - Week 2 - Say Yes! To Engagement

Opening Question: How did God impact you or speak to you during the message this past weekend?

Play the video that was shown during the weekend services about the Hobbs' Story. Share the impact this had on you first, then discuss the impact that this may have had on members of your group. Don't force everyone to share but encourage them to.

Habit 1: Actively Participate in a Christ-Centered Community

1. Read Hebrews 10:24-25. Think of a time when you were discouraged and share how connecting relationally with people inspired you and offered support and encouragement. What are the positives of meeting together regularly with other people?

How can you make a difference in the life of someone that you know is struggling and discouraged? What is an action step that you can take today or tomorrow?

2. Read Acts 5:42. What are the fears or concerns you have that prevent you from sharing your story of what God has done for you?

What encouragement might you get from others who are regularly sharing their story? What can you learn from them?

Who do you know that needs to hear the story of what God has done in your life?

What action step will you take to make a difference in your life and the lives of others?

3. Read Ecclesiastes 4:9-10. Who in your past has reached out to you to give assistance in a time of need? What were your reactions?

How does this apply to marriages?

Habit 2: Regularly Serve in a Meaningful Ministry

1. Read Ephesians 2:10. Read 1 Peter 4:10-12. Read Matthew 20:28.

What is a gift (skill set, talent, ability) that you have from God and how do you use it to His glory? If you are not sure of what it may be, what do you think it might be? Think of what you are good at (leadership, details, organization, hospitality, encouragement, etc.) and how might you use these gifts in the future to further God's work within your life? (If you're still not sure how you can use your skills, ask others in your group or the church for recommendations.)

After your group shares their gifts, brainstorm ways that you can utilize everyone's talents to do a service project within your community. Make it fun, engaging, and Christ-filled as you serve!

If you are not already using your gifts at Journey on a regular basis, how can you begin to do so? Talk among your group about ways to serve and go to the website to look for serving opportunities at www.JourneyChristian.com/volunteer

Habit 3: Consistently Give Away a Portion of Your Income

1. If you look at your checkbook, consider where most of your money goes? Is it your mortgage, student loans, dining out expenses, hobbies, etc.?

When you consider where that money goes each month, what relationship do you have with that thing (house, career) or hobby, etc.?

How often throughout the day/week/month do you spend thinking about the place where your money goes?

2. Read Matthew 6:21. Read Deuteronomy 14:22-23. Read 1 Corinthians 16:2.

When you hear what God has to say in Scripture, what impact does this have on the portion that you give to Him?

What if the largest check that you wrote each month was to God, through the church? How would this impact your focus and thinking through life?

For most people, their spending decisions impact their giving decisions. What would it be like if your giving decisions impacted your spending decisions? Consider the 6 levels of giving that Pastor John has talked about.



At what level are you currently giving, and what would it take for you to move up at least one level? What is an immediate action step that you can take to move up to honor God? You may not be comfortable sharing the details listed above, but as a group, brainstorm ways that you could give a more acceptable gift to God. (i.e. - cut spending, increase income, etc.)

Pray as a group for God to lead your life and show you ways that you can honor Him more by **Actively Participating in Community, Regularly Serving in a Meaningful Ministry, and Consistently Giving Away a Portion of Your Income.**