

May We Honor Week 3 "Senior Sunday"

Main Objective: Help those in your group understand what it means to "own your faith", and how they can help encourage and raise up the next generation to accomplish this.

KEEP IN MIND: The goal is NOT to try and get through all the questions, but to have a <u>meaningful discussion</u>. Go through and think about which questions will land and spark the most conversation with those in your group.

OPENING ACTIVITY:

- <u>Set up the situation:</u> Your home is burning, and you have time to retrieve one item from your home. What it is that you ran inside for and why?
- We will protect the things that are most precious to us. What does this look like when it comes to our faith?

REFLECT:

Think about a person in your life that truly embodies a life of godliness. Share with your group who that person is, and what attributes about their life stick out to you?

READ: 1 Timothy 1:8-11

- 1. All who have received Christ Jesus as their Lord and Savior has been "entrusted" with the Gospel. What does stewardship of the Gospel look like, and how does this relate to us owning our faith?
- 2. In 1 Timothy, Paul is urging Timothy to remain in Ephesus to help maintain sound doctrine and, in love, correct those who are teaching false doctrine. How can this look in a group context? What are ways you can continue to lovingly affirm, or correct, sound doctrine?

READ: 1 Timothy 4:12

- 1. Have you ever experienced someone looking down on you because of your age or lack of experience? How has that affected your walk with the Lord, and your view of biblical community?
- 2. What are you currently doing to help raise up the younger generation to become faithful followers of Jesus? "Your greatest contribution to the kingdom of God may not be something you do but someone you raise." Andy Stanley
- 3. Describe a time someone "raised" you in your faith. What impact did their investment have on you?



CASE STUDY: Billy Graham

Encourage group members to read the article before the meeting. https://www.travisagnew.org/2013/07/22/the-chain-of-events-for-billy-grahams-conversion/

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CHALLENGE:

1. Who is that person in your life right now that you need to be discipling and investing in? Write their name down on a piece of paper, or in your phone, and spend time as a group praying for direction and courage to reach out and invite them to begin this journey!

Here is a great resource below to help get started (reach out to your coach, or groups minister, for more guidance).

"The Gospel 101: Learning, Living and Sharing the Gospel" by Jeff Dodge

https://www.amazon.com/Gospel-101-Learning-Living-

Sharing/dp/1948130106/ref=sr 1 1?dib=eyJ2IjoiMSJ9.6WTgYH_u6CJqz58jw0u2hEHehZGe0uySwwH_u3rUkm3hr0MgUjlgVCJX0cVneZv2CtLMaormhpPCmsZ9ApZzsX1uyq3Qj2nX6RMqFW8taGvP9NVpmPxod04YT7lsR3ChPbBseA0u4PhTck25dPjt2dKckp2jZH0ZqCj8wr9pJ70R3tGlJs-

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<u>Leader Tip:</u> This would also be a great opportunity to encourage members to consider helping serve in the kid's ministry on Sunday mornings.

CLOSING:

• End by sharing your fears and anxieties of beginning this journey, and spend time praying that they Lord will exchange your fears/anxieties with excitement and courage!