

TALK IT OVER

Christmas Offering 2022

ICEBREAKER (Start Talking)

Who is your all time favorite fictional character and why?

INTRODUCTION (Start Thinking)

This week we will look at how growing God's Kingdom through selfless generosity builds our character as a church family and brings hope and help too many hurting people.

READ (Start Sharing)

- Read Romans 5:1-5. Despite the challenges of the last few years, New Hope Windward has stood strong on Christ's grace and continued to pour hope and help into communities in need.
- Discuss a time when you gave your best when it wasn't easy. How does it feel now knowing you did? Did/would having this scripture help? How?

READ (Start Sharing)

- Read 1 John 15:4-8. To obtain and maintain the strength needed to bear much fruit both personally and as a church family, we must stay connected to the Vine (Jesus).
- How has your connection to church or a church related ministry made a difference in your life and helped you bear good fruit?

READ (Start Sharing)

- Read Matthew 28:18-19 to discover one of God's purposes for our life; to "make disciples of all nations."
- To fulfill this command, we must partner with many top notch ministries because together, we can help the most people and make far more disciples than on our own.
- How does it make you feel to be a part of a church family that is helping the abused, addicted, incarcerated, homeless and hungry get to know and grow with Jesus?

WHAT WILL YOU DO (Start Doing)

Pray and commit to "make disciples" through your generosity in this year's Christmas offering.

PRAYER (Start Praying)

Dear God, thank you for blessing us with good fruit and allowing us to glorify you by blessing others. Help me to step out in faith by sacrificially giving to make disciples in Jesus' name, amen.

READ GOD'S WORD DAILY using S.O.A.P.

Day 1:

Through him we have also obtained access by faith into this grace in which we stand, and we rejoice in hope of the glory of God.

Romans 5:2 (ESV)

Day 2:

One gives freely, yet grows all the richer; another withholds what he should give, and only suffers want.

Proverbs 11:24 (ESV)

Day 3:

But if you remain in me and my words remain in you, you may ask for anything you want, and it will be granted!

1 John 15:7 (NIV)

Day 4:

Dear children, let's not merely say that we love each other; let us show the truth by our actions. Our actions will show that we belong to the truth, so we will be confident when we stand before God.

1 John 3:18-19 (NLT)

Day 5:

Nevertheless, the one who receives instruction in the word should share all good things with their instructor.

Galatians 6:6 (NIV)

TIPS FOR SMALL GROUP

- 1. START & FINISH ON TIME.** Doing this will show your small group you value their time.
- 2. BE COMFORTABLE WITH SILENCE.** Uncomfortable silences are bound to happen. It's okay! A long pause during a group discussion can be powerful. A *pause* gives space for quieter people to break into the conversation; silence allows people to figure out exactly what they would like to say.
- 3. CONFIDENTIALITY IS IMPORTANT.** Confidentiality is the key to building trust in relationships. Here are a few mottos to remember to be confidential: "What is said in small group, stays in small group." **Nothing, nobody, never...** "Share nothing, to nobody, never" outside of the group.
- 4. MAKE GROUP A PRIORITY.** Communicate in advance when you will be unable to attend by either calling and/or texting your host or responding to the zoom email invitation by accepting or declining. This will help your host to plan accordingly especially if it is an in person small group gathering.
- 5. ASK FOR HELP.** The Small Group Ministry is here to help. Email shawn@nhww.org to ask any questions, request training or other assistance for your Small Group.

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