

TALK IT OVER

HAVING A HEART FOR GOD'S KINGDOM

ICEBREAKER (Start Talking)

What's one of the most memorable acts of kindness someone has done for you, and how did it impact you?

INTRODUCTION (Start Thinking)

Generosity is a core value in God's Kingdom. It reflects His character and transforms both the giver and the recipient, as it creates a lasting legacy, demonstrates love, and aligns our hearts with God's purposes.

READ (Start Sharing)

(Read *Acts 2:42 & 4:32) Chapters 2 & 4 of the 'Book of Acts' tell us about how the first Christians shared everything they had. They were not about building up their own wealth and possessions, but about building God's family. If we tried to live more like that today, we might be able to show God's love in real ways and better our communities. **What are some ways we can practice these principles in today's society?**

READ (Start Sharing)

(Read *2 Corinthians 8:11) 2 Corinthians 8:1-12 talks about churches that gave much, even though they were very poor. These churches show us that you don't need to be rich to be generous. We can have generous hearts, no matter how much money we have. **What are some ways that we can give to others, even if we don't have much money?**

READ (Start Sharing)

Psalms 112:5-6 talks about how being generous can leave a lasting legacy. When we're generous, it can make a big difference in people's lives. The Bible tells us that the things we do can be remembered, even after we're not around anymore. **Think of a time when an act of generosity really stuck with you. How can you be that kind of person for others?**

PRAYER (Start Praying)

Father, Thank you for blessing us. We pray that no matter where we stand financially that you would give us a generous heart for Your Kingdom. Please show us how to be a blessing to others. Thank you for the opportunity to partner with you. Amen.

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

Day 1:

The one who blesses others is abundantly blessed; those who help others are helped.

Proverbs 11:25 (MSG)

Day 2:

They sold property and possessions to give to anyone who had need. All the believers were one in heart and mind. No one claimed that any of their possessions was their own, but they shared everything they had.

***Acts 2:42 & 4:32 (NIV)**

Day 3:

Now you should finish what you started. Let the eagerness you showed in the beginning be matched now by your giving. Give in proportion to what you have.

***2 Corinthians 8:11 (NLT)**

Day 4:

Good will come to those who are generous and lend freely, who conduct their affairs with justice. Surely the righteous will never be shaken; they will be remembered forever.

***Psalm 112:5-6 (NIV)**

Day 5:

Do not forget to do good and to share with others, for with such sacrifices God is pleased.

Hebrews 13:16 (NIV)



WHAT WILL YOU DO?

Pray about leaving a lasting legacy, by giving to our 25+ Ministry Partners, through this year's Kingdom Builders Offering at NHWW.org

TIPS FOR ONLINE SMALL GROUP

- 1. HOSTING A SMALL GROUP MEETING ON ZOOM.** If you are interested in hosting a small group on zoom through New Hope Windward, let us know. Our small group team will help you get started. Zoom training is available.
- 2. EMAIL INVITE.** Ensure to send out a calendar invite with the meeting details and how to connect to the meeting platform on zoom.
- 3. REMINDER DURING THE WEEK.** Keep everyone in your group connected by sending a reminder during the week of your upcoming small group meeting.
- 4. START ON TIME & STICK TO YOUR TIME SCHEDULE.** For your scheduled meetings, it's recommended to get started within 5 minutes of your scheduled start time. Most small group meetings are held for about 60 minutes.
- 5. ZOOM'S BEST PRACTICE.** Familiarize yourself with the Zoom features on your electronic device. It is helpful for everyone to know where the mute button is located. Ask the attendees to self-mute to avoid environmental noise when someone else is talking & sharing. Doing this will help with the flow of your SG discussion time.
- 6. DOWNLOAD ZOOM APP.** In order to participate in the Online Small Group, download the Zoom App from your iPhone or Android. You may also download the Zoom App from your laptop PC or iPad device.

TIPS TO IN-PERSON 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. AVOID TALKING or TEACHING TOO MUCH.** Small groups are designed for everyone to share and grow together.
- 6. ASK FOR HELP.** The Small Group Ministry is here to help. Email smallgroups@nhww.org to ask any questions, request training or other assistance for your Small Group.