

TALK IT OVER

SUPER BOWL WISDOM 2023



ICEBREAKER (Start Talking)

What is your favorite thing about Super Bowl Sunday?

INTRODUCTION (Start Thinking)

The Word of God is a living truth that can be applied to any aspect of life, even the Super Bowl. This week we will look at Super Bowl LVII between the Eagles and Chiefs to show how God works through everything to bless us and glorify Him.

READ (Start Sharing)

We all hope our team will win the big game. However, God wants us to put our hope in Him as the source of our strength to soar like eagles over any challenger. (Read **Isaiah 40:31*)

How has putting your hope in God helped you to overcome adversity in your life?

READ (Start Sharing)

Chiefs head coach Andy Reid is also the winningest Eagles coach but he couldn't do it alone. ***Deut. 1:9-13* reminds us that we can't win alone and that we must appoint leaders to share in the burdens of our efforts. **Discuss a time you were fatigued and delegated to others to help carry the loads?**

READ (Start Sharing)

Travis and Jason Kelce make history as the first brothers to play against each other in the Super Bowl. Another historic rivalry of brothers is Jacob and Esau who, despite their bitter conflict, embody the spirit of Philadelphia (brotherly love) by reconciling (Read ****Genesis 33:10*). **Do you think reconciling with a rival can help you grow as a person? Why/Why not?**

WHAT WILL YOU DO (Start Doing)

Pray for strength, leadership and reconciliation in your life.

PRAYER (Start Praying)

Father, thank You for Your Word and its ability to bless our understanding of the world around us. Give us strength, confidence and a heart to reconcile. In Jesus' name, amen.

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

Day 1:

God's word is living and active. It is sharper than any two-edged sword and cuts as deep as the place where soul and spirit meet,

Hebrews 4:12 (GW)

Day 2:

but those who hope in the Lord will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary,

**Isaiah 40:31 (NIV)*

Day 3:

Provide you wise and understanding and known men, according to your tribes, that I may make them your chiefs.

***Deuteronomy 1:13 (DARBY)*

Day 4:

"No, please; if I find favor with you, then accept my present from my hand; for truly to see your face is like seeing the face of God-"

****Genesis 33:10(NRSVCE)*

Day 5:

"Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged, for the Lord your God will be with you wherever you go."

Joshua 1:9 (NIV)

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.