

TALK IT OVER

UNLOCK GOD'S SEASONAL PLANS AND PROVISIONS

ICEBREAKER (Start Talking)

What is your favorite season to travel? Why?

READ (Start Sharing)

We all go through a *season of learning*. While not exclusive to our youth, when we are young we make mistakes and learn from them in pursuit of growing and the truth. **Read 2 Timothy 3:16-17***. To maximize our learning seasons we must continue to look for correction from God through His Word. **Discuss a mistake you learned from that helped your walk with God. Share a scripture that supports your lesson?**

READ (Start Sharing)

As we learn and accumulate skills and knowledge we will often enter a *season of building*. This season is where we apply what we have learned to build something for our lives and for those around us. **Read 1 Corinthians 3:10-11****. We must have Christ as the foundation of our building seasons. **What can you do to make sure Christ is at the foundation of whatever you are building or have built?**

READ (Start Sharing)

As we grow through our experiences we hope to reach a *season of giving back*. This is where we can invest in others in the hopes that they can be helped by everything God has shown and given us. **Read Acts 20:35*****. In this verse, Paul reminds the elders to give back and help others. **Discuss a time someone gave back to you or you gave back to others? Why do you think it is important to give back?**

WHAT WILL YOU DO (Start Doing)

Determine what season you are in and pray on how you can you partner with Christ to make it God inspired.

PRAYER (Start Praying) Dear Lord, thank you for making the seasons of life for my benefit. Allow me to grow through the season I am in now and use it to honor and glorify You. Help me to keep You first in every season. In Jesus's name, Amen.

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

Day 1:

Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever. Hebrews 13:8 (ESV)

Day 2:

All Scripture is inspired by God and is useful to teach us what is true and to make us realize what is wrong in our lives. It corrects us when we are wrong and teaches us to do what is right.

***2 Timothy 3:16–17 (NLT)**

Day 3:

So encourage each other and build each other up, just as you are already doing.

1 Thessalonians 5:11 (NLT)

Day 4:

By the grace God has given me, I laid a foundation as a wise builder, and someone else is building on it. But each one should build with care. For no one can lay any foundation other than the one already laid, which is Jesus Christ.

****1 Corinthians 3:10-11 (NIV)**

Day 5:

In all things I have shown you that by working hard in this way we must help the weak and remember the words of the Lord Jesus, how he himself said, 'It is more blessed to give than to receive.' *****Acts 20:35 (ESV)**

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.