

HOME GROUP

Leader Guide



30 DAYS TO LIVE

80 YARD DASH

MARCH 15, 2015



SHARE THE VISION (<10 minutes)

As you start your group time, please be sure to discuss the following important topics listed below. This is key to keeping OneLifers informed.

WORSHIP TEAM INTEREST MEETING

On Saturday, March 21 at both locations we'll be having a worship team interest meeting. If you are a musician or vocalist interested in being a part of any of our worship teams - Kids, Students, or Adults - we'd love for you to join us! The interest meeting is from 10:00 - 11:30am in Powell and 1:00 - 2:30pm in Halls. Email asher.coker@onelifeknox.com for more information.

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Hop online and check out OneLife's brand new website! The site has a brand new look as well as a full mobile version. You can check out the latest sermon straight from the home page, stay up-to-date with our new blog, and even check out our brand new giving system that's faster and easier to use than ever. Check it out today!

PHOTOS WITH THE EASTER BUNNY

Easter is just right around the corner, which means it's time for OneLife's Photos with the Easter Bunny on Saturday, April 4 from 10am to 2pm. Every year OneLife partners with the local Chick-fil-a's and sets up a photo booth for kids and families to take pictures. This is a great way to serve our community and engage with the people around us - and we need your help! If you'd like to volunteer taking photos, greeting guests, being an assistant to the Easter Bunny or even being the Easter Bunny, write "Easter Photos" on your Connection Card or visit onelifeknox.com/easterphotos.

KEY SCRIPTURES FOR THE WEEK:

Philippians 1:12-14 (NLT)

¹² And I want you to know, my dear brothers and sisters, that everything that has happened to me here has helped to spread the Good News. ¹³ For everyone here, including the whole palace guard, knows that I am in chains because of Christ. ¹⁴ And because of my imprisonment, most of the believers here have gained confidence and boldly speak God's message without fear.

Romans 8:28 (NLT)

²⁸ And we know that God causes everything to work together for the good of those who love God and are called according to his purpose for them.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS FROM HANDOUT (35 Minutes)

- 1. Describe a time in your life where you worked *really* hard on something, but then it was reduced to a box of pictures under the bed or fond memories. Even though your project or efforts are in the past, what lasting effects or changes did your efforts create?**

As the leader, be ready to supply your own example of this.

The goal of this opening question is to get the group to think of an example from their own life that illustrates that some things that we give our efforts to are temporary and don't make a difference in the long run. A contrast between living for the "dash" and living to leave a Gospel worthy legacy should emerge as we discuss.

Remember the examples that were given in the sermon that may help jog people's memory:

- Your wedding – took months to plan, but now is just a box of pictures under the bed.
- Your school science fair project – took effort from the whole family to create the perfect volcano effect or tornado box, but now is a museum piece in the attic
- For some people, your college degree – took years to earn, but now is a piece of paper hung on a wall (especially for people who don't work in the same area as their degree).
- The company that you started – you were passionate about the new business, but it later sold or closed.

- 2. Have you ever known anyone with a true "joy" about life, similar to Paul's joy, despite his circumstances (Philippians 4:4)? How did you see them have joy despite their circumstances? How did this influence you or make a difference to you?**

This question is aimed at discussing how we've seen this kind of legacy living in others. We can use the examples that we've seen in others to discover how joy and happiness are two different things.

For follow up conversation, try discussing the difference:

- Happiness is circumstantial. For instance, a good steak dinner, a sunset, or hanging out with your best friend can make you happy! Happiness can change when our circumstances change. For instance, I'm sure Paul wasn't happy about being in jail, but Paul had something different.
- Joy transcends circumstances. For example, joy comes from knowing Jesus. No matter what circumstances present themselves at any given

time, there is the joy that comes from knowing that God will cause *all things* to work for our good (We'll reference this truth later in the discussion. Romans 8:28).

- 3. Read Philippians 1:12-14. In the sermon, we talked about two different “lenses” through which we can view life. What were Paul’s circumstances in this passage? How did he view his own circumstances? How does your response to your circumstances reveal which lens you’re looking? How would you live life differently if you chose to look through the same lens as Paul?**

The goal of this question is to help the group discuss and understand that choosing to follow Jesus allows us to see things much differently than before.

This is much more significant than just choosing a better attitude – it’s literally being able to see the world differently because now you can compare your present circumstances to the glory of the kingdom of God. When you are following the Holy Spirit, you see the world in a much different way.

If the group would like to go deeper with this, check out the story of Mary and Martha in Luke 10:38-42 and discuss how the two sisters saw the same situation differently. Which perspective did Jesus say was better? Why?

- 4. Read Romans 8:28. What does this verse mean to you? How does “living for the dash” cause us to miss the fact that God is working all things for the good of those who love him? Why do you think that this perspective isn’t more common, especially in the church?**

The goal of this question is to help the group discuss and understand that when we are focused on the dash (selfish or self-serving pursuits) we can’t even see that God is wanting to use every circumstance to advance the Kingdom of God.

- 5. What impact do you want your 80 years to make? Who do you want to be impacted because of the way in which you live your life?**

Help the members of your group end on dreaming of the legacy that God wants to cause them to leave behind. The idea of this question is to wrap up your home group talking about, encouraging and praying about how to live on mission where you live, work and play!

END YOUR TIME PRAYING TOGETHER (10 Minutes)