

HOME GROUP

Leader Guide



TRAILER HITCH

A VIEW FROM THE PIT

MARCH 29, 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.

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.

NO STUDENT MINISTRY ON EASTER

Student small groups will take time to be with their family on Easter Sunday, April 5th. Groups will meet again the following Sunday, April 12th. Student small groups meet the first three Sundays of each month at both campuses starting at 6:00 p.m. For more information, email your campus' connection's director. For a directory go to www.onelifeknox.com/staff.

DOMINICAN REPUBLIC MISSION TRIP

OneLife has an amazing partnership with a church network in the Dominican Republic that is seeing disciples multiply disciples and churches multiply churches in an amazing way. Through that partnership we have an opportunity in September to send a team of OneLifers down to the D.R. to help and support those churches. There is an interest meeting on Thursday, April 2 at 6:30pm in the Powell Green Room for anyone interested in going. Write "Mission Trip" on the back of your Connection Card for more information.

KEY SCRIPTURES FOR THE WEEK:

2 TIMOTHY 3:1-5 (NLT)

¹ You should know this, Timothy, that in the last days there will be very difficult times. ² For people will love only themselves and their money. They will be boastful and proud, scoffing at God, disobedient to their parents, and ungrateful. They will consider nothing sacred. ³ They will be unloving and unforgiving; they will slander others and have no self-control. They will be cruel and hate what is good. ⁴ They will betray their friends, be reckless, be puffed up with pride, and love pleasure rather than God. ⁵ They will act religious, but they will reject the power that could make them godly. Stay away from people like that

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS FROM HANDOUT (35 Minutes)

- 1. Give an example from your life of when time seemed to pass by quickly. For example, summer breaks during your childhood, your child's first year, time between oil changes, or travel. If you had it all to do over again, what would you do differently now that you realize how quickly time goes?**

This ice-breaker question gives us examples of how time flies! We all have an experience where time seems to fly. For some of us, time seems to be locked in to warp-speed.

When we realize that time flies, it has a prioritizing effect on us, which was the principle that this series is all about.

- 2. Read 2 Timothy 3:1-5. What does it mean to be a lover of pleasure rather than a lover of Jesus? Give some practical examples. Is it wrong to enjoy pleasurable things or experiences? Why or why not?**

This verse from the sermon sets up a tension. Is it right for Christians to enjoy pleasure, enjoy our belongings and store up wealth? Someone once said that it's not wrong to have nice things, but it's wrong for nice things to have you! The principle here is that we can quickly become a lover of pleasure and nice things. The temptation the money places on us is to depend on ourselves rather than God.

In your discussion, try to draw out this distinction. This question helps us see what's really in our heart – are we storing up as much as we can for the dot, or are we living for the line?

- 3. Re-read 2 Timothy 3:5. What are examples or characteristics of people who “act religious”? What are examples or characteristics of people who are truly “godly”? Why do you think that Paul warns us to “stay away” from people like that?**

This question is really about religion versus following Jesus. There are people all around us who “act” religious. What's the difference between some of the people who act religious and people who truly follow Jesus?

- 4. Throughout this series, what's the one thing that stands out to you or that you sense God prompting you to do or change? How have your priorities in life begun to change as a result of thinking about the difference between “living for the dot” and “living for the line [eternity]”?**

END YOUR TIME PRAYING TOGETHER (10 Minutes)