

HOME GROUP

Leader Guide



SIX
SEPTEMBER 6, 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.

STUDENT MINISTRY RALLY

It's time for the next rally where 6th-12th graders from both campuses come together for games, live worship and to kick off a new small group series. Come to the Halls campus next week on September 13th at 6:00 p.m., or for more information mark "Students" on your connection card or stop by The Green Room after the service.

TEST DRIVE

Ready to become a OneLife Volunteer? Sign up for Test Drive, a volunteer interest meeting, on September 13th. For more information or to sign up, mark "volunteer" on your connection card.

KEY SCRIPTURES FOR THE WEEK:

Isaiah 43:14-19 (NLT)

¹⁴ This is what the Lord says—
your Redeemer, the Holy One of Israel:
“For your sake I will send to Babylon
and bring down as fugitives all the Babylonians,
in the ships in which they took pride.

¹⁵ I am the Lord, your Holy One,
Israel’s Creator, your King.”

¹⁶ This is what the Lord says—
he who made a way through the sea,
a path through the mighty waters,

¹⁷ who drew out the chariots and horses,
the army and reinforcements together,
and they lay there, never to rise again,
extinguished, snuffed out like a wick:

¹⁸ “Forget the former things;
do not dwell on the past.

¹⁹ See, I am doing a new thing!
Now it springs up; do you not perceive it?
I am making a way in the wilderness
and streams in the wasteland.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS FROM HANDOUT (35 Minutes)

- 1. What is a time that you've had to change something up to get to a new experience or to achieve a goal? Do you tend to be a person that finds it easy to celebrate while looking ahead or do you lean more toward just looking ahead and forgetting to celebrate?**

Get people thinking about a time in their lives that what got them there would not get them to where they wanted to be! Some possible examples might be:

-To be a good boyfriend/girlfriend meant all-nighter conversations and flirty messages. To be a good husband/wife means something completely different.

- You landed that job because you had a good connection, but to be successful in the long run took something different than knowing the right people; what was it?

- 2. Read Isaiah 43:14-17. God recaps one of the most amazing miracles recorded in the Old Testament as a reminder of what He is capable of. Pastor Rodney talked about some of the amazing miracles God has done at OneLife that we should be reminded of. If this passage were written to you, what miracles would God remind you of from your life?**

Group leaders, help your group think of things that are miracles in their lives. Some people might have a "crazy God story" that is spectacular and no doubt a miracle. However, don't let people underestimate their own miracles just because it doesn't involve a life-threatening situation or a "beating the odds" scenario. This is an opportunity for people to dig deep and look for ways that "only God could have done that..."

- 3. Read Isaiah 43:18. How is this similar to what Jesus said in John 14:12? Do you find it easy or hard to believe this? Why? What can you do to live every day believing the truths of these two verses?**

Anytime Jesus shows up, it indicates a new/fresh thing! Spend some time thinking about how to let go of "how things have always been" and look only to the fresh new thing that Jesus is doing (both in scripture = how did Jesus respond to people; and in your own story = what is new and different now that you are focused on Jesus and following Him?)

4. **Read Isaiah 43:19. How does this verse show God essentially saying, “What got us here won’t get us there!”? Read 2 Corinthians 5:17. What has to happen to old things for the new to come? What are old things in your life - both good and bad - that God has or may have to get rid of so that you can experience the new things He wants for you?**

5. **How can this help you as you share your story? Pray for each other in the group to experience the new things God has in store!**

END YOUR TIME PRAYING TOGETHER (10 Minutes)