

Creating a Wake

Life Group Agenda for the week of November 20th through 27th

WELCOME (5 min) – Welcome everyone. This is a time for us to focus outward on our relationships with one another. Share the Goals and 1 Guideline. This week, we are continuing our series titled, “*Ripple*.” Let’s **stop and pray** for our church at this time.

WORSHIP (15 min) – This is a time for us to focus upward on our relationship with the Lord. Prepare a creative worship time that can be enjoyed by Children as well as adults/teens (*you will be releasing the Children to their Kids Slot time after the worship*).

WORD (45 min) – This is a time for us to focus inward and discover what the Lord is saying to us individually and collectively through His Word. **This week’s truth to be shared:** *two good things result from the ministry of giving—the needs of others are met and people give thanks to God.*

INTRODUCTION: What is it that you like most about the holiday season? (Thanksgiving and/or Christmas)

Allow 5 – 7 minutes for this question.

OBSERVATION: Read 2 Corinthians 9:1-15. Verses 12-15 are the end result of verses 6-9; what actions are described in verses 6-9 and what are the results found in verses 12-15?

Spend about 7 – 10 minutes on this question.

UNDERSTANDING: What is your understanding of the statement: “whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly and whoever sows generously will also reap generously”?

Spend about 5 – 7 minutes on this question.

The principle of sowing and reaping works in every area of life. If you give criticism, you get criticism back. If you give anger, you get anger back. If you give good things, you get good things back. Notice – whatever you give, you get more back. If you get angry with someone, they get angrier at you...

So whatever you need, give away. If you need more time, give your time away. If you need more energy, give it away. If you need more money, then give it away.

UNDERSTANDING: Share of a time when you gave to a person (money, time or something tangible) and they did not know you were the source, what was your experience?

Spend about 5 – 7 minutes on this question.

UNDERSTANDING: Has there been a time in your life when you did not have anything really give, but you gave anyway? What was it for and how did it all work out?

Spend about 10 minutes on this question.

2 Corinthians 9:8 reads, “*God is able to make all grace abound to you so that in all things at all times having all that you need you will abound in every good work.*” When we put our full trust and faith in God, we will never be disappointed. When we put our full trust and faith in God, it results in an action and the end result is God gets all the praise!

APPLICATION: What areas of your life would you say you invest the most in? Are there other areas of your life or things that you need to invest more in?

Spend about 10 minutes on this question.

WITNESS (15 min) – This is a time for us to focus outward on our ministry to the world.

- ❖ Share any praise reports from your FRAN list that you’ve been praying for.
- ❖ Haiti Mission Trip: April 23rd – 30th. Total cost: \$1,350. Deadline for application, references and \$200 deposit is January 8th. Ministry opportunities include: medical, orphanage, evangelism and more.
- ❖ Sunday, November 20th – I Want to KNOW Lunch
- ❖ Don’t stop... SERVE LIKE CRAZY, plan your Life Groups next serve event.
- ❖ Make Shared Ministry Assignments and then Fellowship together.

(Now is the time to welcome the children back into the group and let them share something about what they’ve learned. Have a brief time of prayer with the whole group before fellowship).