

FATHER'S DAY



New Hope | Small Groups

June 15-21

SMALL GROUP GUIDELINES:

SAFE GROUP: everyone can be real, open, and honest with their struggles and victories.

CONFIDENTIALITY: What is said in the group stays in the group.

LISTEN: really listening to what is being shared. Try to avoid thinking about how you are going to respond, or what you are going to say next.

PAUSE: Give the person sharing the chance to finish and the group the opportunity to consider what was just shared before responding.

NO "CROSS TALK": Be considerate of others as they are sharing. No side conversations.

NO FIXING: We are not here to fix each other. Jesus does that part. Give encouragement; speak truth, and point to Jesus.

NO RESCUING: When people are sharing something deeply personal resist the temptation to rescue them by giving advice. This will often cause them to stop sharing.

SHARING: Be sensitive about the amount of time you share.

BE SELF-AWARE: Be self-aware of how you are personally affecting the environment through your words, actions, and non-verbal communication.

USE "I" STATEMENTS: It's easy to talk about the issues of others, but for our purposes, we want you to put yourself on the table. Try to use "I" statements rather than "them", "the church", "us", "we", etc.

CONFLICT: When conflict or sin issues arise, we want to make sure that we are honoring God and each other in the way we deal with these issues.

Small Group Evening Schedule:

10min - Hangout time

10min - Welcome, Opening Prayer, Group Guidelines, Announcements

10min - Follow-up discussion about Sunday's Sermon

- What is one thing you learned? What challenged you?

40min - Storying through scripture:

God calls His people to be strong and courageous and ready for battle. In the scripture passages we will read, we will see what that looks like and how God makes that possible.

READ: Joshua 1:9, 1 Corinthians 16:13-14

How are we able to be strong, courageous and brave?

READ: John 15:12-14

Jesus literally laid down His life for us. What does laying down my life for my friends mean for me?

Discuss what makes me a friend of Jesus.

READ: 2 Timothy 2:15

How we are to handle "the word of truth?"

READ: 1 Timothy 6:11-12

What is Paul urging Timothy to flee from? Why?

How do we fight the good fight of faith?

CHALLENGE: Does my life resemble that of courageous friend of Jesus?

10min - Share prayer requests & pray.

(one person write requests and email/text to the rest of the group)
