



SMALL GROUP LEADERS: - Remember Prayer is your greatest preparation!

Your group's success depends less on you than you might think and more on God than you realize. It's not about your abilities, your personality traits, or getting extensive training. It is about what Jesus said:

"I am the vine; you are the branches. The one who remains in Me and I in him produces much fruit, because you can do nothing without Me." [John 15:5]

So pray, and trust God to do great things in your group!

Ice Breaker:

- What is one thing you are excited or thankful about this Christmas season?

Into the Word:

1) What is one takeaway from the message that really impacted you?

Read 1 Corinthians 1:26-31, and then 2:1-5

2) Why is God intent on removing boasting from His presence? Why is He against it?

3) What does it mean in vs. 31 - "The one who boasts must boast in the Lord"? What does this boasting look like?

Leader Tip: God desires that our chief aim in life is to seek and know Him and have a personal relationship with Him. Boasting of that is proof we are on the right path.

4) What did God provide for us through Jesus? What is credited to our lives from Jesus' death and resurrection?

5) What is God's intention by using those who are "weak"? What is He trying to accomplish?

Leader Tip: God has always used the weak to encourage anyone and everyone that He is for them and shows no favoritism. He also does this to show that nothing of man accomplishes salvation apart from Jesus and His work.

Apply the Word:

6) Where in your life do you feel like a "nobody" or insignificant & unseen? How did the message impact that in your life?

7) What area do you battle the most when it comes to comparison? To whom/what are you comparing yourself?

8) How can you leverage a weakness in your life to help it focus you more on Jesus and His love?

9) How can we as individuals work on our faith and belief in God? What are practical steps to take on that journey?

Prayer Time:

- Pray for each person in the group (If needed, split up into pairs or into groups of three) about the answer from above.