

POINT GROUP LEADER GUIDE SPRING WEEK #4 & FINAL

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This guide is designed to give helpful hints in preparing & leading your group in discussion.

LEADER NOTES

✂ PRAYER NOTE

Remember to follow up on prayer requests from last week!

✂ ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please take the time to look at the announcements and see what may be applicable to your group. We need your help to get the information out!

✂ ATTENDANCE!

REMEMBER – WE CAN'T LOVE PEOPLE IF WE DON'T KNOW WHERE THEY ARE.

PLEASE LET US KNOW WHO HAS STILL NOT SHOWN UP TO YOUR GROUP

UPCOMING EVENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please read through these and make sure to mention them if they apply to your group.

Bold items are happening this week.

May 17 – Women's Prayer Brunch

May 18th – Student Party @ 6:30

May 25 – NextGen @ Top Golf

Any additional information and signups are available on our website. If you have a member who needs more specific details, please have them send an email to Pastor Tim at ttrinkle@pointharbor.com

DISCUSSION/LEADER GUIDE

Warm Up

If you accidentally did something that makes you suddenly famous, what one name would you like the world to know you by? Think Adele, Bono, "Double Rainbow Guy". The name that elicits the most laughter earns extra points!

READ: PHILIPPIANS 2:9-11

1. What does Paul say Jesus "did not consider" worth holding onto before His incarnation? (Hint: It's in verse 6.)

“a thing to be grasped” (ESV, NASB) = not clung to or tightly held

“used to his own advantage” (NIV) = not exploited for personal gain

“something to cling to” (NLT) = He let go willingly

Jesus *knew* that he was God; he had a claim to the same honor and privilege of God, yet he gave it all up and humbled himself so that he could *serve us* and ultimately die for us.

2. Before Jesus is exalted in verse 9, what does He do in verses 7–8 that sets the stage for His exaltation?

Jesus became a servant to humanity and remained obedient to God the Father *all the way to death*. That level of obedience is something that can be difficult for us to grasp! But consider for a moment what that would look like in your own life?

Jesus did the unthinkable, and this is an excellent reason for his exaltation.

3. Paul lists three locations where every knee will bow. What are they, and what do they show us about Jesus' authority?

Paul tells us that in heaven, on earth, and in hell, every being, everywhere, will bend their knee. This is an image of everything in creation acknowledging the glory of Jesus. This is found in v10

4. According to verse 11, who ultimately receives the glory when Jesus is confessed as Lord?

God the Father! Ultimately, this is His plan. When his plan is fulfilled, he receives glory for all that He has done.

1. Jesus set aside His rights and status to serve others. What's one “right” or comfort you'd find difficult to let go of for the sake of someone else?

"This isn't something we're asking anyone to actually do—it's simply a thought exercise. We're asking people to reflect and share with their group: What is something you would struggle to give up if God asked you to let it go?"

2. We saw that everyone will one day bow and confess Jesus is Lord—either joyfully or regretfully. What's one area of your life that might not currently reflect Jesus' lordship?

Be prepared to “prime the pump” here. This is a question that will cause people some discomfort.

3. The sermon talked about the difference between calling Jesus “Savior” vs. calling Him “Lord.” How would your daily life look different if you truly lived like He was Lord of everything?

4. Paul uses Jesus' humility and exaltation to shape how we live now. What does it look like for you to live with both humility and confidence because of who Jesus is?

Humility is something that isn't very well understood in Western Culture. Humility is when someone lives perfectly within the “circle” God has placed them in. For example, I, Pastor Tim, am very confident in my ability to brew specialty coffee and have in-depth conversations about the ins and outs of a good cup. I have practiced and studied this for some years. However, I am fully aware of my *limited* knowledge when it comes to running a café and producing high-quality coffee at scale in that setting. Humility means I can confidently say, “This cup is brewed well,” while also acknowledging, “I don't know how to run a café.” Applied here, I am confident that I am saved by grace and my shame is gone, but I know that I couldn't do that for myself, or anyone else. We all need Jesus!

This Week I'm Praying For...

Use this space to take notes on how you can pray for your group