

Leaders Guide

Point Groups Fall '25

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Week 3 // October 4-5

Leader Notes

- Please let us know who's not shown up to group yet! We want to make sure our lists are accurate!
- Remember, money and giving are sensitive, not to mention the discussion on legacy giving can bring forward some emotions! Be prayed up and gracious this week.
- Note on Prayer. Check out the Tips on Group Prayer at the end of this Leader's Guide.

Attendance

- Make sure you take the time to get your attendance in! We can't love our people well if we don't know where they are... If you're having trouble, please let us know.
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Upcoming Events

Any info can be found [@pointharbor.com/events](https://pointharbor.com/events)

- **OCT 11th – Serve Saturday**
Join us in giving away thousands of pounds of food in Cradock, Portsmouth. Meet in Afton Square behind the Fire Station (32 Prospect Pkwy, Portsmouth, VA 23702) at 8:30am.
- **OCT 11th – Crowder Concert**
Join the NextGen Ministry as we head to the Grace & Glory Tour on Saturday, October 11 at 6:00pm at the Portsmouth Pavilion! *Ticket purchase & registration required*
- **OCT 18th – Beauties Feast**
Hey ladies—this day is for you! Beauty's!
It's happening right here at Point Harbor, and we'd love for you to come! Bring a friend, register early, and get ready for an afternoon of encouragement, connection, and plenty of joy. (Lunch is included!) *Event is for all ladies 18+*
- **October 26th – Trunk or Treat**
Join us for a fun-filled evening at our Trunk or Treat on Sunday, October 26 from 5:30–7:30pm! Bring the whole family to enjoy a safe and festive night of getting treats from creatively decorated trunks.

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Warm-up

If you suddenly inherited \$1 million today, what's the very first thing you would do with it?

Leader Tip: Share first and choose strategically. If you joke about inheriting socks, others may go shallow. If you share a heartfelt story, it'll set the tone for deeper sharing.

What's something you once thought was valuable (toy, gadget, car, etc.) that now feels silly looking back?

Leader Tip: Keep it lighthearted but meaningful. Don't let the conversation linger too long here — save time for the scripture section.

Know It

Read Psalm 49:10–12. What truth about life and death does this passage remind us of, and why do you think the psalmist emphasizes it?

Discussion Goal: Help your group see the reality of mortality — no matter how rich or wise someone is, they cannot escape death. This levels the playing field and reminds us to live with eternity in view.

Read Psalm 49:16–20. What happens to wealth and status when someone dies? How does the psalmist contrast that with wisdom?

Discussion Goal: Guide the group to recognize that wealth fades, but wisdom and righteousness endure. We can't take things with us — but we can leave behind a legacy of faith. We SHOULD be leaving a legacy behind us, but that legacy shouldn't be ONLY money. There are plenty of people that left a massive bank account but had 2-3 people at their funeral... and no disciples to speak of!

Compare Psalm 49:5 and Isaiah 32:8. What different kinds of security are described here—false security versus true security?

Discussion Goal: Lead people to see that security doesn't come from possessions or success but from trust in God.

Bonus Scripture: Have a small discussion around Psalm 121:1-2

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Live It

In your daily decisions, do you see yourself more as the owner of your resources or as a steward managing God's resources? How might shifting that perspective change your choices?

Leader Tip: Press into the stewardship idea: we manage what God owns. This helps frame money, possessions, and time differently.

How do you wrestle with comparison in your life? Where are you tempted to think "I don't have enough" because of what others have?

Leader Tip: Encourage honest reflection. Remind them Psalm 49:16 speaks to not envying others' wealth.

What's one practical way you can redirect your time, money, or energy this week toward something that lasts beyond this life?

Leader Tip: Push for practical next steps. It could be generosity, investing in relationships, or supporting ministry work.

How can your Point Group be praying for you in this area? Be specific.

Prayer Tip: People LOVE praying for "guidance" and "wisdom" but often don't really know what it is that they are asking God for. Encourage your group to be specific by asking "What would an answer to that prayer look like for you?"

TIPS ON GROUP PRAYER

Prayer is an important part of being in a Life Group. Over the years, we've found that group prayer goes better when we follow three simple guidelines.

WE PRAY FOR ONE TOPIC AT A TIME - Anyone in the group is free to introduce a prayer request, either before prayer begins or during prayer

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PRAY MORE THAN ONCE - Because the group is focusing on one topic at a time, each person is encouraged to pray several times during the prayer

time for those topics they feel most led to pray about. No one is required to pray.

WE KEEP OUR PRAYERS SHORT AND SIMPLE - Group prayer goes better when members keep their prayers short and to the point. When someone

prays for a long time, it's hard for the other members to stay focused, and long prayers tend to intimidate those who are just learning to pray out

loud in a group. No one is required to pray out loud.