

Leaders Guide

Point Groups Fall '25

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Week 6 // October 25-26

Leader Notes

- **We have a heavy topic this week.** You may get questions you can't answer; you may have an emotional meeting; you might uncover something difficult. That's okay, these are the reasons that we meet during the week for more growth. Be comfortable saying "I don't know", send questions to Pastor Tim if you need and remember. Text Tim "Point Group 911" if you need anything!
- **Make sure you mention our announcements! Most are missed on Sunday, we're counting on YOU!**

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

- **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.
- **Summer 2026 (June 23-26)**
Student Camp – Super Early Bird pricing ends this week! Register on the Church website before Nov 1st to lock in the lowest rate. This week is going to be a massive investment in the spiritual development of your 7-12th grader. Don't miss it.
- **November 1st – Men's Beast Feast**
Gear up for a men's day out at **Pastor John's farmhouse!** From **12–3:00pm**, we'll fire up the smokers and pile on the meat—plus all the classic fixings. Between bites, you can jump into yard games, swap stories, and enjoy the outdoors with other guys from Point Harbor.
- **Nov 6th Financial Peace University**
Take control of your money and discover the peace that comes with managing it God's way. Join us for Financial Peace University, a 5-week course starting Thursday, November 6 at 6:30pm in the Conference Room. *Sign Up Online*

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Warm Up

Stick to one “Warm Up” question this week; the “Know It” section is a little longer than normal. Like previous weeks, make sure you’re thinking about who you have in the room, and you call on people strategically.

Have you ever witnessed a “little injustice” in your day-to-day? How did you respond? How did you feel?

Have you ever been in a situation where your definition of “right and wrong” differs from someone you’re close with? What was that like?

Remember that this can be a “touchy” thread; tread cautiously.

Know It

Take the time to read the passages before answering the questions.

Read Psalm 89:14.

What does it mean that God’s rule is built on righteousness and justice?

Discussion Direction: If you have time, talk about how often, the world’s definition of “right and just” is different than what we read in the Bible.

How do you see His love and faithfulness in the rest of Psalm 89 (verses 1–18)?

Big Idea: When you read the beginning of this Psalm, you can see something INCREDIBLE. God made a covenant, a PROMISE, that He was going to *establish* His people. Discuss how big of a promise this is! Also discuss how the coming of Jesus is a large part of the fulfillment of this promise.

How do these four traits—righteousness, justice, love, and faithfulness—help us understand why God can still be good even when evil exists?

Leader Tip: Work through all four and consider how they contrast with what we experience in the world. Today, we rarely see true justice; people lack love, and the world definitely isn’t righteous! This will spark a good conversation.

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Read Romans 8:18–25

In what way does Paul maintain a balanced view of suffering while also trusting in redemption?

Thoughts for Reflection: Nothing is more frustrating than experiencing suffering, or discomfort, and having someone tell you “it’s no big deal”. Paul here explains that suffering is real, and it’s hard to endure, but we have hope! We know that one day we will live in glory that will make all this present suffering seems like nothing. – If we are able to remember it at all!

What is the practical meaning of “first fruits of the Spirit” for our daily life in a still-broken world?

Leader Tip: The Christian in this world has a taste of heaven and the joy that comes from a relationship with Jesus. Paul emphasizes that even though we have Jesus and experience that joy and hope, we still find ourselves groaning. Guide the conversation toward understanding that difficulties in life are expected and not a sign that God has abandoned us. Instead, we should look at our suffering and remember the hope that has saved us.

Live It

Identify one area where you’re tempted to use a good thing for a wrong purpose (time, influence, sexuality, money, achievement, religious effort). What is God’s original purpose for that gift, and what one step will you take this week to realign?

Leader Tip: Here, we will witness the “art of the awkward silence”—this question is designed to allow people the space to confess sin. That’s good—really allow your group to sit with the weight of this question and allow people to answer.

Read Hebrews 4:14–16

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Jesus sympathizes and invites us to draw near. Where are you currently avoiding God because of pain or confusion?

Discussion Tip: Another way to ask this question is: “What are you not praying about because it causes you anxiety or discomfort?”

Write a 1–2 sentence prayer you’ll *actually* pray each day this week that names the pain and asks for help at “the throne of grace.”

How can your Point Group pray for you regarding what was discussed this week?

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

time. Once a topic is introduced, the group focuses on that request alone. Once it's covered, the group moves on to the next topic.

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

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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.