

Leaders Guide

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Point Groups Winter '26



Winter '26

Week of January 25th

Leader Notes

- **Things to think about this week.**
 1. 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!
 2. Communicate with your group if this weekend’s weather changed anything about your meeting time!
 3. Encourage your group to pay for childcare if they are using it - \$5 per child, per night!
 4. **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. mblakeslee@pointharbor.com

Upcoming Events

Any info can be found @pointharbor.com/events

- **Feb 1st – Men’s Gathering**

Join us for the Men’s Gathering, a monthly event where men come together for fellowship, spiritual growth, and meaningful conversation. We meet on the **first Sunday of every month from 7:00 AM to 8:15 AM** in the **Student Building**.
- **Feb 4th – Parenting Workshop**

Parenting can be both rewarding and challenging—you don’t have to navigate it alone. Join us for our monthly **Parent Workshop**, held on the **first Wednesday of each month from 7–8pm**. **Summer 2026 (June 23-26) – Dinner & Childcare Provided. \$5 Per child**
- **Feb 22nd – Business Meeting**

Join us on Sunday, February 22, following the second service, for our Annual Business Meeting. Together, we’ll celebrate all that God did through Point Harbor in 2025 and look ahead as we affirm our 2026 budget. This is an important moment for our church family to reflect, give thanks, and step forward in unity into the year ahead. All members are encouraged to attend.
- **Feb 22nd – Point Harbor Student’s Winter Olympics**

Get ready for an epic night of fun and crazy games at the Point Harbor Student Winter Olympics! Join us on Sunday, February 22 at 6:00 PM for team competitions, lots of laughs, and unforgettable moments. Pizza and snacks will be provided, so come hungry and bring your competitive spirit. Don’t miss out—get signed up and invite a friend!

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Point Group Homework

January 24th 2026

Pastor John Houston

Warm Up

What's your "lotto plan?" What would you do if the wind blew a jackpot-winning ticket through your car window? You had no way of finding the true owner, so you turned it in. What do you do with the money? What's your gut reaction?

Know It

Take the time to review sermon notes before reflecting on the following prompts and journaling your thoughts to share with your Point Group.

Treasure → Heart (Matthew 6:19–21)

Jesus doesn't start with an ask for a change of heart; he points out a truth: Your heart follows what you treasure.

- Where do you see that playing out in your life right now?
- What gets your attention, your imagination, your stress, your planning?
- If someone looked at your spending/saving patterns, what would they conclude you're "laying up"

Jesus is asking us to take a hard look at our hearts and ask ourselves what we are treasuring. This is a "Gut-check" from Jesus! Here are some pointed questions that might liven up a "dead" room.

1. When you think about your financial life... What causes the most stress? Not being able to keep up with the Joneses? Missing out on a limited-edition release of something? Missing the mark on your retirement savings? Not being able to do something financial for your kids?
2. Does fear and resistance in an area reveal trust in Jesus or a desire for more control?
3. Thinking about our spending – what do we think Jesus would lovingly challenge?

Listen for language of fear ("What if...", "I can't afford..."), control ("I need to make sure...", "I have to be prepared..."), and identity ("I feel successful when...", "I feel like a failure when..."),

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because these might reveal where a person's true treasure and trust are anchored. Listen for the Holy Spirit to give you openings to lovingly challenge the narrative and move your group to the truth of Scripture.

Repentance = *Practical Life Change* (Luke 3:7-14)

When people asked John, "What should we do?" he answered with practical examples of *what they/we/you should do*

- Why do you think money was one of John's go-to "proof points" for repentance?
- Which of John's examples hits closest to home for you: generosity, integrity, or contentment? Why?

Money is a very weird thing. It's a very private thing that we don't even like to talk about with our kids or our parents, let alone the people around us! That being the case, it's usually the last and hardest thing for us to bring to the Lord!

Make sure you steer the conversation to the second bullet point. "What do you guys feel like the Holy Spirit is causing you to consider this week?"

The world's currencies are *worthless*.

Stockpiling currencies that belong to this world is a waste of time... Scripture *promises* that they will become worthless.

- What's a "currency" our culture chases that feels like security but can't actually hold you up?
- What makes it hard to believe Jesus' promise that "heaven treasure" is the better investment?
- In what ways do fear and control shape your financial decisions more than faith does?

Our kids and what people think of us are so controlling of our finances and the decisions we make. There is pressure for us to live in the "right neighborhoods", drive cars that look *and work* a certain way (no shame in having mismatched tires!) Pressure to say yes to lunch invitations, and the list goes on. Maybe steer the conversation toward how much money we spend to make people think of us a certain way, and how worthless that can be?

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Live It

One Small Transfer

- If “laying up treasure in heaven” is a real transfer, what’s one specific move you can make in the next 7 days?
- What’s your move, and what will you need to follow through?

Contentment audit (Luke 3:14)

- John told soldiers to be content with wages. Contentment isn’t pretending you don’t need anything—it’s refusing to be ruled by “more.”
- Where are you most tempted to believe, “If I just had ___, I’d finally feel okay”?
- What practice could help you fight that lie this week (gratitude list, limit scrolling/ads, budget meeting, prayer before purchases, “24-hour rule” on buys)?

Really push your group to name practical things that they are struggling with. Maybe no more Facebook Marketplace? Maybe no more vacation websites? Maybe no more ticketing apps? Maybe a Zillow.com fast?

God doesn’t need/want your money. He wants YOU

- If Jesus reviewed your last 30 days of spending with you (no shame, just truth), what conversation do you think He’d start? trust, obedience, generosity, simplicity, or reordering priorities?
- Who can you invite into accountability (spouse, friend, group member) so this becomes discipleship—not a one-time emotion?