

Leaders Guide

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Point Groups Winter '26



Winter '26

Week of Feb 1st

Leader Notes

- **Things to think about this week.**
 1. The BIG FOCUS this week is on “the proofs” – be careful that the conversation doesn’t devolve into a “works based salvation”. You can’t do the things listed and achieve salvation!
 2. *Communicate with your group if this weekend’s weather changed anything about your meeting time!* Over communicate this week. The weather is throwing us all for a loop.
 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! Please START and FINISH with these!**

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 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 19th – Financial Peace University**

Don’t spend that Tax Return! Take control of your money and discover the peace that comes with managing it God’s way. **Join us for Financial Peace University, a 9-week course starting Thursday, February 19 at 6:30pm in the Conference Room.**
- **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

Feb 1st 2026

Pastor John Houston

Warm Up

- What makes a place feel “secure” or “homey” to you?
- Have you ever made a big decision based on location (school, job, house, church)?

Pick whatever question you enjoyed the most this week. If your group is talkative, be careful to not land here for the entire group.

Know It

Take some time to review your sermon notes and journal your thoughts after reading the prompts below.

Eternal Reality Check (Heaven & Hell)

Scripture teaches that eternity is real and our choices matter.

- Why do you think people are uncomfortable talking about Hell?
- What emotions come up when you think about eternity?
- How does believing in eternity shape how someone lives right now?

Our emotions often drive our decisions. That being the case, take the time to dive into why we think others don't like talking about hell, and why we don't like talking about hell. *Then* take the time to talk about how our lives now are in some ways shaped by our beliefs in whether hell exists. *Hint: In case you missed it this week – it does...* 😊

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Assurance of Salvation — 1 John 5:13

John tells us that we can be *sure* of our salvation. We can confidently look forward to the promise of eternal life.

- Have you ever struggled with your assurance of salvation? Why?
- What is the difference between hoping you're saved and knowing?
- What role does faith in Jesus (not works) play in assurance?

A few things as you navigate this section.

1. Allow your group to openly discuss their struggles with their own salvation, but take the time to remind them that salvation is permanent. You can't lose it. Those who have called on the name of the Lord are saved! (Rom 10:13).
2. Be on the lookout for people that you might need to follow up with this week. If you have a group member who seems to think they may have it wrong about their salvation, take the time to speak to them privately afterward, or call them this week. *Remember: Mixed gender one-on-one meetings are unwise. Please call Pastor Tim if you need guidance on how to proceed.*

Be sure to talk about the difference between feelings and facts!

The Marks of a Real Christian (1 John)

Not perfection, but direction.

John lists the following as “*marks*” or “*proofs*” of our salvation: Obedience, Repentance, Love for God over the World, Love for believers, Spiritual fruit, Prayer and Generosity. Which of these do you feel need some attention in your own life? What in this list gives your pause?

Talk about the checklist from Pastor John. Also, encourage your group. You're not going to be perfect in all of these until we are with Jesus! Use this as a launch pad for growth! Maybe your group needs a new February resolution!

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Live It

“Eternity on the Mind”

- How would your behavior shift if you did things knowing that they had an impact on eternity?
- Make a mental list of your priorities, maybe work, school, family, hobbies etc. What is out of order when you consider eternity?

Heart Check

- Which “mark of a real Christian” encouraged you?
- Which one challenged you? How are you going to respond to this challenge?

Prayer

Take some time to collect prayer requests, but prompt your group to specifically pray for things that the Lord is moving them to change as a result of this week's study.