

## Point Groups Winter '26



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Week of Feb 13-14th

### Leader Notes

- **Things to think about this week.**
  1. We're starting a new sermon series. It's a good time to "take a temp" of your group. Ask your people what they are looking forward to/what they think they might learn this month.
  2. If you have any issues in your group, feel free to call Pastor Tim. If you don't have his phone number, please call the church and you'll be forwarded.
  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

- 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](mailto:mblakeslee@pointharbor.com)

### Upcoming Events

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

- **Feb 19<sup>th</sup> - 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 22<sup>nd</sup> - 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 22<sup>nd</sup> - 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!
- **March 1<sup>st</sup> - Men's Gathering**  
This is a time to connect with other men, build relationships, and grow spiritually and have a *great hot breakfast!* **Student Building - 7am**

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## Point Group Homework

Feb 7-8<sup>st</sup> 2026

Pastor John Houston

### Warm Up

Have you ever found yourself in a situation that was uncomfortable or unpleasant, and you did something impulsive or rash to quickly escape? How did it go for you? What do you wish you did differentially?

**Leader Note:** This isn't a great warm up if you have a few people you'd classify as "over-sharers" If you think that this is your group – just ask the question below.

When you feel stuck, what do you think you are more likely to do? Seek God's wisdom, try and fix the situation or ask around and try and get some opinions?

### Know It

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

### God Meets Us in Our Situation

Paul addresses marriage, singleness, widow-hood and divorce. In his letter to the Corinthians we see that God doesn't have a "one-size-fits-all" answer, but meets us *exactly* where we are.

- Why do you think God provides tailored guidance rather than simple rules to follow?
- How have you seen the wisdom we have talked about this week play out in the lives of the people around you?
- Why do you think God encourages wise perseverance over starting fresh?

**Leader Note:** God often uses unique relationships and circumstances together to sanctify us. Try and steer the conversation in a direction that would allow your group to talk about how each situation might prepare a person in a different way, and that each situation obviously needs a different approach. For example "singleness can teach someone to rely

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on the Holy Spirit for friendship because of a feeling of loneliness” vs “marriage might teach selflessness...” etc.

### My Body: The Temple of the Holy Spirit

Paul reminds us that our bodies are the temples of the Holy Spirit. The same Holy Spirit that raised Jesus from the dead. *The same Holy Spirit that lives in us.*

- What does it mean *practically* that the Holy Spirit lives in you? How does this impact your “day-to-day”?
- When have you experienced the Holy Spirit giving you strength, wisdom, or guidance in a difficult situation?

Make sure to hit both here. Talk through how the Holy Spirit is *right there* when you're sinning as well as being *right there* and helping during decision making.

### Called & Content

The idea of “Stay where you're called” is repeated 3 times in chapter 7. God wants us consistently serving him in the season we are in *now*. Not constantly wishing for something else.

- Why do you think Paul encourages staying put when you're “feeling antsy”? Why do you think he mentioned this more than once? (Bonus!: It was 3 times, V 17, 20, 24)
- How do you stay content and driven while still being open to where God might be leading us??
- What does a full embrace of a situation look like compared to someone who's “looking to get out”. Think practically & spiritually.

It might be a good idea to talk through how hard it is to focus and learn what God is trying to teach you when you're spending all your time focused on what you want to come next. Or worse, coveting someone else's situation because you're discontent with the one God has you in now.

Specifically for people who aren't married it might be wise to talk about the dangers of sexual sin and how much easier it is to justify sex outside of marriage when you're focused on the next season *we want* vs living in the season *we're in*.

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### Your reality...

- What do you need to bring to the Lord regarding your situation? (This could be related to relationships, work, family, singleness, marriage, etc.)
- What would it look like for you to seek the Holy Spirit's guidance and power in this situation? Avoid giving advice unless biblically obvious. For example, it's okay to encourage a young man to move out of his girlfriend's house, but it's ill advised to encourage someone to get married "just for a guilt free physical relationship". That being said, I want to encourage you to ask a lot of questions and point people to scripture. Often when someone doesn't know what to do, good questions can help unmask the core issue and help them make *their own decision*. Think: "What would God ask here"? For extra credit, have a look at all the times God asks his people "good questions" See: Genesis 16:8-9; Genesis 22:7-8; Exodus 4:2; 1 Kings 19:9, 13; Job 38-41; Jonah 4:4, 9; Isaiah 6:8; Ezekiel 37:3; Mark 10:51; Matthew 16:15; John 21:15-17

### Faithfulness to Your Situation

- What's the hardest part about living in your situation? What can you do to make your life a little easier? (Marriage counseling, spending time with singles groups, going to luncheons with other widows or widowers etc.)
- We're told that hiding God's word in our heart makes it easier to do what God would like us to do. Psalm 119:11. What part of God's word are you willing to memorize this season? Who are you going to ask to keep you accountable?

**Leader Warning:** There is a potential here for the confession of sin. THAT'S GREAT. Please include a pastor if you believe the sin's seriousness warrants pastoral involvement. Remind the group about confidentiality and try and help keep your group member accountable. If you're unsure, please call Pastor Tim

### Prayer

- Regarding what was discussed this week, how can your group be praying for you?