

Facilitator Guide Week 3

Caesarea

Before you meet: Test out the video from the Facilitator Webpage, by playing it and making sure all is working well (you may want to download it before meeting). Print out any of the resources you need for the night. For tonight you will need to print out “Discussion Questions Week 3” one per-person.

Please also test or download the **Village of Hope Journey Bag Service Project video**.

Testimony Time (more in-depth personal sharing) Have selected members share each week. Depending on the size of your group, you will probably only have time for two people to do a little more in-depth sharing (2 singles...or a married couple and a single). Try to have as much fun as you can while learning more about those in your group. Keep it as light as you can, but it can get a little intense with some gnarly backgrounds. Be sensitive as you lead this sharing. To set the pace, start with yourself as the facilitator or with someone you feel can be transparent with sharing.

Live Out Acts Service Project:

We are excited for your ‘Ohana Group to live out the book of Acts by caring for and meeting needs in our community. We are beginning a journey bag drive for Village of Hope. Village of Hope is all about bringing hope and support to Maui Counties foster care community. Please Play this video Village of Hope that will explain more about this service project and how your ‘Ohana Group can be a part of it.

Watch Video Village Of Hope Journey Bag

After the video please discuss how your group can be a part of this project by picking up Bag from Hope Chapel to fill up. You can use the link on the Facilitator Page to get more information.

Let's do this Hope Chapel, if every one of our 'Ohana Groups could do at least 2 or more journey bags together we will bring so much hope and support to these children entering the foster care community.

One option that works well would for your groups to divide up the various items that need to be purchased to fill the bag and bring them to your group and pack the bag together.

Here are some important details for dates to pick up bags & drop them off. (You can find additional information and the link to Village of Hope on the Facilitator webpage.

Here are a few of those details:

We have a goal of 150 journey bags...hopefully even more! Each bag goes to a Foster Care child entering into the Foster Care system.

Your Group can pick up a bag or two to fill. Drive thru pick up - **Friday, 4-6pm on August 7th & 14th**, or at the **Saturday (in person service), on August 1st & 8th.**

Instructions after picking up a bag:

1. In each bag will be a list of items to purchase and fill bag.
2. Once your group has shopped and completed filling the bag.
3. Drive through Drop off **Friday, August 28th 4-6pm** (or any Saturday in August at our in person service in the courtyard!)

Read and Pray Have someone (or divide up portions) read out loud Acts 10:1-48. After that have someone open today's video study with a prayer for God's blessing on your time together.

Watch Video Week 3 Caesarea (7 minutes)

Rules of the Road Remind your group leaders they do not have to do all the questions. Just go as far as you can with the time you have. Watch out for tangents, but allow the group to spend more time on a question if it is "hitting a nerve" and there is meaningful discussion. Also in your sharing time remind your group there is no need to challenge, correct, or give advice unless asked for. Be careful to not over share, allowing everyone a chance to join the conversation. Encourage each person to take turns sharing one highlight from this week's reading assignment or tonight's video and why. Do your best to leave time to pray for one another.

Leaders Note It is always good to open up your discussion time with the first two questions. This gives your members time to first share their insights from the video they just saw and last week's reading assignment. The questions that follow are optional depending on the group you are working with. These questions tend to have members get a little more personal in their sharing.

Go through discussion questions. (You can have each member pull up the questions on their phone or you can print them out ahead of time and hand them out).

Everyone meet back up If the people in your home group did really well with their reading assignments, thank them. Use this as a reminder that the success of this study group has to do with each member taking this 50 day challenge seriously. It makes all the difference in their own personal lives and makes a huge difference in the group experience, insights, and sharing as well.

Homework Remind your group to read the corresponding verses from Acts at the beginning of each chapter in the Acts Odyssey book. Read, study, highlight, and pray about the insights from the next seven daily readings (Part 4, Chapters 22-28).

Prayer and Praise Time Leaders, you can choose to meet back up for Prayer or have the smaller groups take prayer requests and pray together. Just remember to keep prayer request short and avoid giving advice, but rather bring it before Jesus in prayer. It's important to end your study on time. You as the leader might give a 5 minute warning to help the smaller groups start praying and end on time.