

Facilitator Guide - Week 4

Thessalonica

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 4” one per-person.

Testimony Time (more in-depth personal sharing) Have selected members share each week.

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 County’s 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.

Hopefully you already have picked up a Journey Bag. Please now discuss and follow through with whatever plan your group came up with last week for filling one or multiple Journey Bags.

Again, here are some important details and dates to pick up & drop them off your bags. (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 14th**, or at the **Saturday (in person service), on August 15th**.

Instructions after picking up a bag:

1. Each bag has a list of items inside for you to purchase and fill the bag with.
2. Get together with your group and decide how you want to fill the bag together.
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 17:1-15. After that have someone open today's video study with a prayer for God's blessing on your time together.

Watch Video: Week 4 - Thessalonica (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. 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 5, Chapters 29-35).

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.