

WEEK 1 - MAKE YOUR MARK 2.0

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WHAT TO EXPECT

Week 1 is always exciting! If you have a brand new group, you might not be sure who will come. Some people may be joining a Connect Group for the first time. Some people may be nervous, others excited! Plan on spending 10-20 minutes doing "ice breakers" to make everyone feel comfortable. Have some snacks ready when people arrive and spend time getting to know each other. Want to go the extra mile? Have name tags ready.

If you're feeling any apprehension about leading a group during a "capital campaign", remember your job isn't to "fund raise". You will be helping people go on a spiritual journey to grow in their relationships with God.

This first lesson is about where we are at, and where God is calling us! We are in a season where we are surrendering to God and the journey He has us on.

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WHAT TO COMMUNICATE

Contact everyone in your Connect Group a few days before the group starts to remind them about the details of the curriculum and expectations for the group time. Let them know you are praying for them and that you are excited for the group to begin.

WHAT TO PRAY

Begin praying that God bring the people to your Connect Group that He wants there. Believe that the people that are part of your group now are exactly who need to be there.

Pray that everyone would feel comfortable and that friendship would begin to form. Pray and believe that as you've stepped out to lead this "Make Your Mark" curriculum, that the Holy Spirit will be with you and will help you!

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WARM-UP:

What's the first word or phrase you think of when you hear the word "surrender"?

INTRODUCTION:

The word "surrender" brings up a lot of different thoughts. In the first week of our "Make Your Mark 2.0" study, we're going to talk about the role that surrender plays in our Christian walk. Let's watch this video about the life of surrender and where it has us going!

KEY SCRIPTURE

Therefore, I urge you, brothers and sisters, in view of God's mercy, to offer your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God -- this is your true and proper worship. Do not conform to the the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind.

Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is -- His good, please and perfect will."

Romans 12:1-2, NIV

"LIVING GOD'S WAY IS A LIFE OF SURRENDER"

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DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. When is the last time you did something "crazy" for God? What was it?
2. If you've never stepped out and done something crazy for God, why is that?
3. According to Romans 12:1, how is surrender tied to worship?
4. According to Romans 12:2, how is surrender tied to understanding God's will?

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

5. Does living God's way always require surrender? Explain.
6. Is surrendering everything to God difficult or easy? Does it make life difficult or easy?
7. When God asks you to surrender, He always has your best interest in mind. How does that help you trust Him more?
8. Have you ever had a true "surrender" moment with God? Tell us about it

APPLICATION QUESTIONS

Is there a specific area of your life God may be asking you to surrender? What is it?

PRAYER

Take prayer requests and pray for the needs of the group.

1. Pray for anyone who responded to the application question above
2. Pray that each person would surrender to God and trust Him with deeper faith.
3. Pray that God would speak to each person as we go on this "Make Your Mark 2.0" journey together.

WRAP IT UP

Plan on continuing to engage this week with all three parts of the study.

- Weekend Message
- Social media
- Small Group

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