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GOD'S HOPE FOR THE REST OF YOUR LIFE Session 2

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LEADER'S STUDY GUIDE

Getting to Know One Another

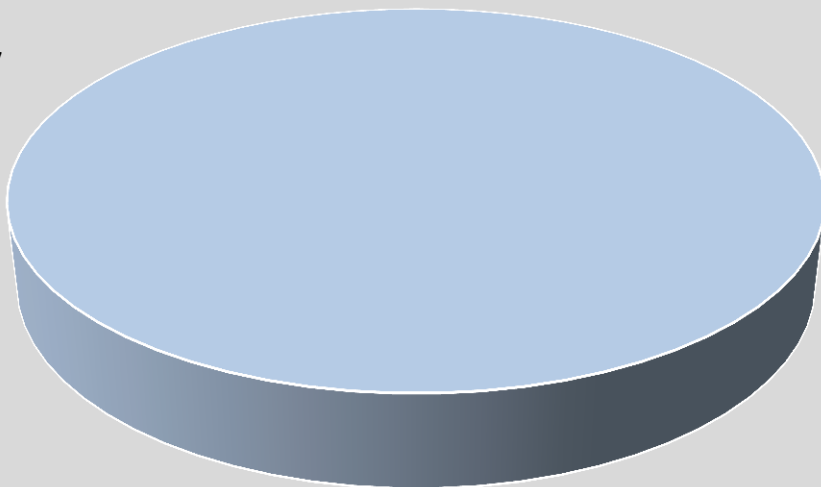
- Describe the person in your life that is the number 1 example to you of a life that is totally lived out for the purposes of God?



Leaders: Have everyone share with a neighbor and then ask 3-4 people to share with the group.

- If you were honest and were to create the sizes of your own wedges to the Pie of Your Life, what would they look like?

- sports/hobby
- social
- work
- financial
- family
- sexual
- church



Leaders: Give them 2-3 min. the idea being that it is obviously a juggling act but if Christ is at the center things will be much more in balance.

4 “He was twenty-five years old when he became king. He reigned in Jerusalem twenty-nine years. He did what was right in the Lord’s sight. 5 Hezekiah trusted in the LORD, the God of Israel. There was no one like him among all the kings of Judah, either before him or after him. 6 He held fast to the LORD and did not stop following him; he kept the commands the LORD had given Moses. 7 And the LORD was with him; he was successful in whatever he undertook. 2 KINGS 18:4-7

“Later Hezekiah got sick and he was about to die. The prophet Isaiah said, ‘Prepare your affairs and your family. This is it. You’re going to die. You’re not going to get well.

But Hezekiah turned away from Isaiah and he faced the wall and he prayed to God, ‘God, please! I beg You. Remember how I’ve lived my life. I’ve lived faithfully in Your presence. I’ve lived out of a heart that was totally Yours. You have seen how I’ve lived and the good that I have done

Then God said, ‘I’ve heard your prayers and I have seen your tears and here’s what I’m going to do. I’m going to add fifteen years to your life.’” ISAIAH 38:1-5



Q: If God were to ask you to give the reasons why He should let you live 5, 10, or 15 years longer, what would you say?



Q: I want you to think about whether you are willing to use the rest of your life, whatever that may be, the way God wants you to use it. Are you willing to use your life to fulfill the expectations God has for your existence?



Note: Pause the study session and answer these two questions. Have them pair up and share again ask 2-3 who haven’t shared to share with group.

Teach us to number our days, that we may gain a heart of wisdom. PSALM 90:12

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS



Note: This would be best if done in pairs.

1. To what degree do you feel you are living out the days of your life conscious of the fact that today is all you're guaranteed? **L 1 2 3 4 5 H**

What would you have to change to get more in touch with your own limitations and mortality?

2. If God gives you 5, 10 or 15 years what will you commit to doing by God's grace and strength?:

WORSHIP - Time spent with God:

- What would you set as your Sunday attendance goal for this year?
- What would you set as a personal devotion (spending personal time with God) goal for this year? (circle one)
 - 1-2 days per week
 - 3-4 days per week
 - 5-7 days per week

FELLOWSHIP - Time spent with other believers:

- Share how you feel you have been benefited by meeting with other Christians.
- What do you find is the biggest obstacle to be for you in meeting with other believers? (ie. busyness, shyness, laziness, distraction, etc.)

- Where do you currently see yourself at in terms of fellowship? (circle one)
 - **Too Much Fellowship**
 - **About Right**
 - **Too Little Fellowship**

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SERVING – Serving the Body of Christ using your spiritual gifts:

- Share what you understand your spiritual gifts to be.
- Share how you have used those gifts in the last year.
- Are you serving/leading spiritually at the highest level of your capacity?
- If you could do absolutely anything at church, with no restrictions, what would you like to do?

- If you were given the opportunity to do what you have identified here would you commit yourself to doing it?
- Would you pray about going on a mission this next year and share your gifts?

EVANGELISM

- Do you know your own testimony?
- Have you ever written it out?
- Can you share it clearly so it would make sense and be relevant to an unsaved person?
- When is the last time you shared your faith with someone who was lost, or even disconnected from God?
- Will you start praying regularly for at least 3-5 co-workers, friends, or family that Jesus would give you the opportunity to share your faith with them?
- Will you pray about starting an Alpha group this year? You could do it with even one lost friend.