

Pre-Groupie Time

Remind people to pray and update the journal.
Give praise reports and updates.
Follow up with your group midweek.

Summary

What does it mean to be a dad? Simply put you have kids. But it is so much more than that. To be a dad is to be an example in character, reaction, and interaction with others. To be a provider or source of wisdom, resources, help, discipline, love, and encouragement. But does the ideal match up with reality?

Scripture

1 Corinthians 8:6 - How many gods?
Matthew 6:31-33 - Bob Marley's thing.
John 16:33 - Charlie Hall inspiration?

Discussion

Where you gaze is where you will go. This simple concept is something they teach professional drivers, and even something you may have been taught when you were learning to ride your bike or even drive.

- Have everyone pull out their planners and schedules for this week.
 - List all of the activities for your group in these four categories: FAMILY, LEISURE, WORK, and SPIRITUALITY.
 - What do you notice about the lists your group has crafted?
 - What category has the most items and which one seems to take the most stress space?
 - Which category would you like to be the largest and why?

While life is not as simple as a series of lists, they can help put things into perspective. The lists can reveal to us where our gaze is resting.

- What sorts of activities would your group's lists have on them if your gaze rested on God? (Some ideas: prayer, meditation, reading)
 - How many of those activities are you doing now and how often? If you are doing them, did they make the list?
 - As a group, how can you help each member begin to do those activities more? Come up with an achievable plan and hold each other accountable to it.

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Read the scripture and discussion topics.
Pray for your meeting and group.
Be the first to smile!

Icebreaker

What did you do on Father's Day?

LEADER NOTE: Print out the attached Lists Page and grab a pen for tonight's discussion.

Week 8
"Dad's Day"
Mike Curl

We Are Family

FAMILY

LEISURE

WORK

SPIRITUALITY

