

Hand Over the Keys

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Scriptures: Psalm 78:1-7; Matthew 16:13-19

Bottom Line: Invitation, Empowerment, Responsibility

We entrust the next generation with the “keys” to the church so that we can open doors to greater relationship, trust, empowerment, and responsibility.

Psalm 78

Handing over the keys begins with an invitation to experience and hear stories of the Kingdom of God.

Share Stories of Faith

- Journaling
- Worship
- Mission (direct impact)

Jesus & Peter

- Matthew 4 - Invitation - “Come, follow me”
- Matthew 16 - Empowerment - “I give you the keys of the Kingdom”
- John 21 - Responsibility “Take care of my sheep”

LISTENING

Have someone in your group share something about their week. They could answer one of the following questions:

- What was a big challenge or problem you faced this week? How did you handle it?
- Where did you experience God this week? Or where do you wish you had experienced God this week?
- Based on your life experience this week, what do you think God is trying to teach you right now? What is He trying to build in you?

After the person shares, the group can respond. Make sure you let them know you heard them: tell them what you heard, offer wise advice where it's asked for, share from your own experience as well.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. Review Sunday's message. What stood out to you? What challenged you? Are there any lingering questions?
2. Who has "believed in you?"
3. Have you ever been mentored? Describe your experience.
4. What's scary about handing over the keys to the church?