

1. What do you want out of your one (1) shot for your life?

2. Which of these things are most important? Circle no more than three (3). Star the top one (1).

3. What do you need to do to accomplish these things? List at least three (3).

4. Read Romans 12 (only select portions are written below and all of it matters.) Using an ESV Bible fill in...

A Living Sacrifice

1 ...p_____ y_____ b_____ as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your s_____. 2 Do not be conformed to this world, but b____ t_____ by the renewal of your m_____, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect.

Gifts of Grace

3 ...not to think of himself m_____ h_____ than he ought to think, but to think with sober judgment... 4 For as in one body we have many members, and the members do not all have the same function, 5 so we, though many, are o_____ b_____ in C_____, and individually members o_____ o_____ a_____. 6 Having gifts that differ according to the grace given to us, **let us use them...**

Marks of the True Christian

9 Let love be g_____. A_____ what is evil; h_____ fast to what is good. 10 Love one another with brotherly affection. Outdo one another in s_____ honor. 11 Do not be slothful in zeal, be fervent in s_____, serve the Lord. 12 R_____ in hope, be p_____ in tribulation, be c_____ in prayer. 13 Contribute to the needs of the saints and seek to show hospitality. 14 Bless those who persecute you; bless and do n_____ curse them. 15 ...w_____ with those who weep. 16 Live in h_____ with one another. Do not be haughty, but associate with the l_____. Never be wise in your o_____ sight. 17 Repay no one evil for evil, but give thought to do what is honorable in the sight of all. 18 If possible, so far as it d_____ o_____ y_____, live p_____ with all. 19 Beloved, n_____ avenge yourselves... "if your enemy is hungry, f_____ him... 21 Do not be overcome by evil, but o_____ evil with good.

5. What does He say about your purpose in this world?

6. Are you "hungry" enough to do the three? Circle: Yes / No

7. Read 1 Corinthians 12. If one of you is missing in action what happens to "the whole body?"

Lift this ministry up to God in your prayer time and let us know how we can serve you.

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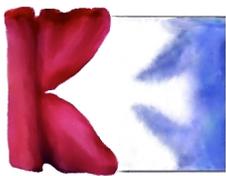
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Before the study

Prep

Print a copy of the previous page for each person. Print a copy of this page for each small group leader.

OK, I shouldn't have to say it, but pray first. Leaders, pray together before the meeting begins. Pray when the meeting commences and give each student an opportunity to pray in their small groups.

Have Bibles and a writing utensil ready for each person. An ESV English Standard Version is recommended (it's a nearly word-for-word translation, highly accurate, using modern language, and any profit is used by the publishers to print more Bibles).

Q 1-2

Each of us has only one time around on this earth with the few exceptions of those who were raised from the dead. Students brainstorm what they want to accomplish (goals) before they die. Then have them pick no more than three of their top choices. They can answer their first choice aloud. No editing!

Q 3

Much more difficult: might need help, but they must write down at least one necessary step to accomplish their top goal. Eg.: education options, travel, stay out of trouble, ask for help, etc.

Q 4

Read all of Romans 12 aloud. Each person may read a verse around the room or group. Afterwards, re-read the chapter and fill-in the blanks together (this is crucial for kinesthetic learners). "Let us use them" is highlighted because that is the purpose of this chapter... not who has what, but that we all have specific purposes in the body and so we must use whatever the Spirit manifests whenever He does it for the benefit of us all. Students should work together: "no one gets to heaven on their own."

Q 5

Put it all together: Let the Spirit lead you here, leaders. Students must answer their purpose in this world, but also, more importantly, in their local fellowship. I shared my personal ministry goal, "train youth in righteousness through an intimate relationship with God by means of the Word: Holy Scripture, in study, worship and experiencing His power through outreach." It inspired them to work with me.

Q 6

Here is their first motivation question. If you are really hungry for something, you won't let anything stop you from eating. Talk about being really hungry and needing to fill yourself with good food instead of gorging on sugar to be fully prepared, and how consuming the wrong things will hold you back from full strength. **Who wants to be a weak disciple? Who wants to go from victory to victory?**

Q 7

If time is short, expect students to read this chapter at home and answer the final question or use it for part two next week: have students act out the chapter... **If the toe gets stubbed the whole body is distracted by pain from its goal... to get where it was going. Often, even the eyes are closed and the mouth is working disaster. Each of us is important. Youth aren't the future church, but part of the body right now. Invite students to invite others. Everyone here prays.**