

[ONWARD!!] Group Questions

[ONWARD!!] Sunday, January 2, 2011

BIG IDEA: The New Year brings great expectation of better things to come and resolutions that we will finally start or stop doing whatever it is we believe will get us to a place we think is where we want to be. A big part of moving forward is using the gifts God has given us for the journey. Have your group take a spiritual gifts identifier on line. A very good one is found at www.elmertowns.com. Ask your group members to bring the results to group!

ICE BREAKER: Have each group member identify the spiritual gift/gifts they believe each person in the group has been given. Then, have each person share what their spiritual gifts identifier shows. This will serve to affirm and support one another. It will also provide a great opportunity to encourage your group members to serve in areas best suited to their spiritual giftings.

Read Philippians 3:13-14

As we move into a new year and a new decade, what are we straining forward to do? What is our goal(s)? What is our goal as a group? What are we going to do differently to attain these goals?

Read Philippians 3:17-18

Identify a Christian, well known or personal, that you wish to emulate or model yourself after. What qualities or achievements does this person possess that makes them an example you wish to pattern? What are you willing to commit to learn? What actions are you willing to undertake to achieve success?

Scripture:

Philippians 3:13-14

Brothers, I do not consider that I have made it my own. But one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, I press on toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus.

Philippians 3:17-18

Brothers, join in imitating me, and keep your eyes on those who walk according to the example you have in us. For many, of whom I have often told you and now tell you even with tears, walk as enemies of the cross of Christ.

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