

Ice Breaker

(in groups of 2 or 3 for larger groups)

Share a knock knock joke or a pun or a dad joke.

Talk About it!

Part 1

Micah 6:8 NKJV

He has shown you, O man, what is good; And what does the Lord require of you. But to do justly, to love mercy, and to walk humbly with your God?

Discuss:

- How has God been speaking to you through these three direct prophetic mandates in this verse?
- How have you chosen to live differently because of of them?

Part 2

1 Peter 4:7-8 NIV

The end of all things is near. Therefore be alert and of sober mind so that you may pray. 8 Above all, love each other deeply, because love covers over a multitude of sins.

Discuss:

What value is there for a Christian in having an awareness of end times?

Part 3

1 Peter 4:7 NIV

The end of all things is near. Therefore be alert and of sober mind so that you may pray.

James 5:16 NLT

Therefore confess your sins to each other and pray for each other so that you may be healed. The prayer of a righteous person is powerful and effective.

Discuss:

- How are sober-mindedness and alertness connected to prayer?
- What is something you are praying for?

Part 4

Jeremiah 29:7 NIV

7 Also, seek the peace and prosperity of the city to which I have carried you into exile. Pray to the Lord for it, because if it prospers, you too will prosper.”

Discuss:

- A. What would be your top 3 prayer requests or points of intercession for the USA right now, in light of the election process we’ve just come through?

Part 5

Luke 9:51-56 NIV

As the time approached for him to be taken up to heaven, Jesus resolutely set out for Jerusalem. 52 And he sent messengers on ahead, who went into a Samaritan village to get things ready for him; 53 but the people there did not welcome him, because he was heading for Jerusalem. 54 When the disciples James and John saw this, they asked, “Lord, do you want us to call fire down from heaven to destroy them?” 55 But Jesus turned and rebuked them. 56 Then he and his disciples went to another village.

Discuss:

- A. How do the disciples initially approach the polarity they encounter and in what ways can you relate to that?
- B. What is the wisdom of Jesus in dealing with the polarity?

Part 6

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Discuss:

- What would a step of ‘loving one another deeply’ look like for you in the days ahead (in any context—home, work, community, church)?