

SMALL GROUP MATERIAL

# Reignite CAMPAIGN COMMITMENT CARD

Name(s)
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I am excited about the REIGNITE series and want to see God grow my faith over the next several weeks! To get the most out of this series:
<ul> <li>I will catch all the weekend messages during the series.</li> <li>I will read the devotionals.</li> <li>I will participate in a Small Group studying the campaign materials.</li> <li>I will take steps in my spiritual journey.</li> </ul>

Our goal is to challenge every attender to take some steps of growth during this special season in the life of our church.

#### What's your next step(s)? Below are some growth opportunities:

- Join a Small Group—Connection Sunday 9/26
- Take a Growth Track class or classes online anytime or in person
  - 1st BASE-Introduction to Membership Sunday 10/10
  - 2<sup>nd</sup> BASE—Introduction to Discipleship **Sunday 10/17**
  - 3rd BASE-Introduction to Stewardship Sunday 10/24
  - HOME—Introduction to Partnership
     Sunday 10/31
- Attend the B.I.B.L.E. Overview Seminar Saturday 10/16
- Begin serving in a ministry—Sign up for an All Access Tour
- Attend Celebration Sunday 11/7
  - Get baptized 11/7
  - Pray over a financial gift to Build the DREAM 11/7 (see https://www.buildthedream.live for more info)

# REIGNITE INTRO WEEK

Welcome to the next semester of Small Groups. Spend this session catching up or if you are a new group, getting to know each other with some ice-breaker questions. Also cover the Small Group agreement with the group with the attached questions for discussion. Close with prayer requests. Next week we will begin our first video teaching in the series.

#### **ICEBREAKER:**

- Go around the group and share your Oak Ridge story:
- How long you have been at the church?
- Who invited you or how did you get here?
- Favorite series or event?
- Biggest growth moment personally?
- How have you seen God move?
- Questions or things that you wonder about?
- Additional Icebreaker: What is the most uncomfortable thing that you have done that has had the most reward on the other side?

#### **UNPACK THE SMALL GROUP AGREEMENT:**

#### I WILL BE COMMITTED

- Make attendance of group meetings a priority in my schedule. I won't remain connected if I stay away!
- Share times when commitment was difficult but by pushing through you became better for it.

#### I WILL BE CONFIDENTIAL

- What is said in my group stays in the group. We grow at the speed of trust!
- Share times when you have privately shared something with someone and it "got out" to others. How did that impact your relationship with that person?

#### **I WILL BE CARING**

- The greatest function of my small group is ministry. I will care for those in my group when needed.
- Share a time when you walked through a tough season and folks were there to help you along the journey. What did these folks do that made such an impact on you?

# 1ST GATHERING ADMINISTRATIVE STUFF:

- Exchange contact information with each other so you can stay connected outside of group time.
- Download a group texting app, such as "GroupMe" to help in this area.
- Decide what everyone is bringing to the next group meeting and/or who is reading the questions at the next time.
- One suggestion is a lead/feed model where one person or couple picks their week during the series and does both.
- Communicate start/stop times and <u>ruthlessly</u> honor that.
- Bring your Bible each week and/or download the Bible app.
- We recommend YouVersion Bible app, which is free.
- Make a pact with each other that everyone will stay committed through the next 6 weeks and will actively participate in group.

PRAYER: (TIP: Have someone type/jot the prayer requests down and e-mail or text them to the group so everyone can pray for each other through the week)

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# **REIGNITE WEEK 1**

#### **ICEBREAKER:**

• What does a dream vacation look like for you? (E.g. Where, with who, activities, etc.)

# **GLANCE BACK:**

• Share something from last Sunday's message that stuck out to you. (Catchphrase, fill-in, etc.)

# WATCH VIDEO:

• (TIP: Feel free to stop the video and talk over a point or look up a Scripture reference)

"There was a rich man whose land produced a bountiful harvest. He asked himself, 'What shall I do, for I don't have space to store my goods?' Then he said, 'Here's what I'll do: I'll tear down my barns and build me larger ones! Then I'll say to myself, "I have so many good things stored up for me - now rest, eat, drink, and be merry!" But God said to him, 'You fool, this night your life will be demanded of you; and then to whom will all your things belong?' Thus will it be for anyone who stores up treasure for himself but is not rich in what matters to God."

(Luke 2:16-21, NAB)

"If you are a follower of Christ Jesus...<u>All that matters is your faith that makes you love others.</u>" (Galatians 5:6, CEV)

# IF I DON'T LIVE A LIFE OF LOVE...

1. NOTHING I	WILL MATTER.		
2 1	languages of earth and of angels, but didn't lovant noisy gong or a clanging cymbal."		
2. NOTHING I	WILL MATTER.		

"I may have the gift of prophecy. I may understand all the secret things of God and have all knowledge...But even with all these things, if I do not have love, then I am nothing." (1 Corinthians 13:2a, NCV)

3. NOTHING I	WILL MATTER.		
	aith so that I could speak to a mountain and be worth nothing at all without love." .iving Bible)		
4. NOTHING I	WILL MATTER.		
"If I gave everything I have to the poor and even sacrificed median't love others, I would be of no value whatsoever" (1 Corinthians 13:3a, NLT)			
5. NOTHING I	WILL MATTER.		
"So, no matter what I say, v without love." (1 Corinthia	what I believe, and what I do, I'm bankrupt ns 13:3b, The Message)		

QUESTIONS: (TIP: don't feel a need to get through all the questions, answer as many as time allows and where everyone participates)

- What jumped out from the teaching?
- If someone asked what your core values are, what would you say? What would your family, friends and co-workers say? Do they match?
- How does your life regularly prove your love to others?
- Share with the group when you damaged a relationship as a result of using an intellect over relationship approach?
- Be honest, in what areas are you giving, both time and/or money, that is not out of love?

GOING DEEPER: Analyze these areas this week and revisit with your group next session on action steps to improve on.

• Where have you gotten distracted and need to reignite your love for others?

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# **REIGNITE WEEK 2**

# **ICEBREAKER:**

• What is your favorite movie & book?

#### **GLANCE BACK:**

• Share something from last Sunday's message that stuck out to you. (Catchphrase, fill-in, etc.)

# **WATCH VIDEO:**

• (TIP: Feel free to stop the video and talk over a point or look up a Scripture reference)

"So what does this mean, brothers and sisters? When you gather...Everything must be done to help each other grow." (1 Corinthians 14:26, GW)

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"Be devoted to each other like a loving family. Excel in showing respect for each other." (Romans 12:10, GW)

#### Loudmouth Larry / Social Sally

- Usually late but you know when they arrive
- Answers every question, including the rhetorical ones

# Quiet Chris / Silent Susan

- Shy, reserved, easily missed
- Always on time and usually has great input

#### Teacher Tom / Professor Paula

- There for the teaching more than the relationships
- Likes DEEP Bible studies and is driven by the content

#### Mover Mark / Action Alice

- Wants to skip the lesson and go do something
- Can't sit still and always restless

# Diplomat Dave / Peacemaker Pam

- Avoids conflict at all costs
- Does not even like it when the group can't agree on food

# Forced Fred / Compelled Karen

- Wonders if we can have the game on during group meetings
- Only came because they were guilted into it by a spouse or fellow group member

"Welcome with open arms fellow believers who don't see things the way you do. And don't jump all over them every time they do or say something you don't agree with—even when it seems that they are strong on opinions but weak in the faith department. Remember, they have their own history to deal with. Treat them gently." (Romans 14:1, The Message)

# HOW TO HANDLE AN EXTRA GRACE REQUIRED (EGR):

- 1. Check yourself, and realize that you're someone's EGR.
- 2. Resist the need to correct, counsel, or criticize.
- 3. Recognize that maturity takes time.
- 4. Discover the story behind the strangeness.

QUESTIONS: (TIP: don't feel a need to get through all the questions, answer as many as time allows and where everyone participates)

- What jumped out from the teaching?
- What personality did you most resonate with? Which one do you most struggle to deal with?
- What are some gatherings that you have been a part of that were healthy? Gatherings that were not so healthy?
- Share times when you have grown by developing a relationship(s) with folks not like you?
- What practical steps can we take to develop and appreciate people who are very different than us?
- Go around the group and share one thing that you appreciate about each group member?

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# **REIGNITE WEEK 3**

#### **ICEBREAKER:**

- Go around the group and share your baptism story. (When, where, who was there to support you)
- Have a group member not baptized yet? Support them in taking this step by contacting Stacie: <u>ssiers@orbc.net</u> and locking in a date.

# **GLANCE BACK:**

• Share something from last Sunday's message that stuck out to you. (Catchphrase, fill-in, etc.)

#### **WATCH VIDEO:**

(Psalm 15:4, CEV)

• (TIP: Feel free to stop the video and talk over a point or look up a Scripture reference)

"God has given each of you a gift from his great variety of spiritual gifts. Use them well to serve one another." (1 Peter 4:10, NLT)

"Your attitude must be like my own, for I, the Messiah, did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give my life as a ransom for many.""

(Matthew 20:28, The Living Bible)

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GOD WANTS ME TO	
TO SERVE LIKE JESUS I MUST BE:	
1	
"I brought glory to you here on earth by <u>completing</u> the work you gave me to do." (John 17:4, NLT)	
"Your hearts must be <u>fully committed</u> to the Lord our God" (1 Kings 8:61, NIV84)	
2	
"But be sure to fear the Lord and faithfully serve him. Think of all the wonderful things he has done for you." (1 Samuel 12:24, NLT)	
"[The godly] keep their promises, no matter what the cost."	

""The master was full of praise. 'Well done, my good and <u>faithful servant</u>. You have been faithful in handling this small amount, so now I will give you many more responsibilities. Let's celebrate together!" (Matthew 25:21, NLT)

3. \_\_\_\_\_

"If you wait for perfect conditions, you will never get anything done." (Ecclesiastes 11:4, The Living Bible)

""And <u>now</u>, Israel, what does the Lord your God require of you? He requires only that you fear the Lord your God, and live in a way that pleases him, and love him and <u>serve him with all your heart and soul.</u>" (Deuteronomy 10:12, NLT)

4.

"And a voice from heaven said, "You are my dearly loved Son, and you bring me great <u>joy</u>."" (Mark 1:11, NLT)

""And Solomon, my son, learn to know the God of your ancestors intimately. Worship and <u>serve him with your whole heart and a willing mind</u>. For the Lord sees every heart and knows every plan and thought..." (1 Chronicles 28:9, NLT)

"Serve the Lord with joy!" (Psalm 100:2a, NCV)

5. \_

""When you do good deeds, don't try to show off. If you do, you won't get a reward from your Father in heaven." (Matthew 6:1, CEV)

"...Our purpose is to please God, not people. <u>He alone examines the motives of our hearts.</u>" (1 Thessalonians 2:4, NLT)

"...Don't hold back. Throw yourselves into the work of the Master, confident that <u>nothing you do for him is a waste of time or effor</u>t."
(1 Corinthians 15:58, The Message)

"For God is not unjust. He will not forget how hard you have worked for him and how you have shown your love to him by caring for other believers..." (Hebrews 6:10, NLT) QUESTIONS: (TIP: don't feel a need to get through all the questions, answer as many as time allows and where everyone participates)

- What jumped out from the teaching?
- Where are you currently using your gifts to serve others? In church? Outside of church?
- What prompted you to start serving at Oak Ridge?
- What impact has serving had on you?
- What would you say to someone who is not serving yet?
- Have a group member not serving yet? Bring them along to serve with you on October 31st. Register their spot now:
  - Take out your cell phone.
  - Text the keyword "servetogether" to 94000.
  - Complete the short sign-up form and lock in your spot tonight!

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# **REIGNITE WEEK 4**

#### **ICEBREAKER:**

• What food do you not like that everyone else seems to enjoy?

# **GLANCE BACK:**

• Share something from last Sunday's message that stuck out to you. (Catchphrase, fill-in, etc.)

# **WATCH VIDEO:**

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"Love is kind." (1 Corinthians 13:4a, NLT)

#### **3 ATTITUDES TOWARDS OTHERS**

"There was once a man who was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho when robbers attacked him, stripped him, and beat him up, leaving him half dead. It so happened that a priest was going down that road; but when he saw the man, he walked on by, on the other side." (Luke 10:30–31, GNB)

"In the same way a Levite also came along, went over and looked at the man, and then walked on by, on the other side." (Luke 10:32, GNB)

#### HOW CAN I BECOME A KINDER PERSON?

1.	OF PEOPLE AROUND ME.		
	"A Samaritan traveling the road came on himhe saw the man's condition" (Luke 10:33, The Message)		
	"Do not look out only for yourselves. Look out for the good of others also." (1 Corinthians 10:24, NCV)		
	Sensitivity (Needs work) 1—2—3—4—5 (Great)		
2.	WITH PEOPLE'S PAIN.		
	"and when he saw the man, he felt compassion for him." (Luke 10:33, NLT)		
	"Share each other's burdens, and in this way obey the law of Christ." (Galatians 6:2, NLT)		
	"What a wonderful God we have—he is the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the source of every mercy, and the one who so wonderfully comforts and strengthens us in our hardships and trials. And why does he do this? So that when others are troubled, needing our sympathy and encouragement, we can pass on to them this same help and comfort God has given us." (2 Corinthians 1:4, The Living Bible)		
	Sympathy (Needs work) 1—2—3—4—5 (Great)		
3.	THE MOMENT TO BE KIND.		
	"Going over to him, the Samaritan soothed his wounds with olive oil and wine and bandaged them" (Luke 10:34, NLT)		
	"Never walk away from someone who deserves help; your hand is God's hand for that person. Don't tell your neighbor "Maybe some other time" or "Try me tomorrow" (Proverbs 3:27–28, The Message)		
	Spontaneous Kindness (Needs work) 1—2—3—4—5 (Great)		

<sup>&</sup>quot;But a Samaritan who was travelling that way came upon the man, and when he saw him, his heart was filled with pity." (Luke 10:33, GNB)

# 4. : IT COSTS TO BE KIND.

"...Then he put the man on his own donkey and took him to an inn, where he took care of him. The next day he handed the innkeeper two silver coins, telling him, 'Take care of this man. If his bill runs higher than this, I'll pay you the next time I'm here." (Luke 10:34–35, NLT)

"Your own soul is nourished when you are kind." (Proverbs 11:17a, The Living Bible)

Sacrificial Kindness (Needs work) 1—2—3—4—5 (Great)

QUESTIONS: (TIP: don't feel a need to get through all the questions, answer as many as time allows and where everyone participates)

- If you were to come across a person on the side of the road (see Luke 10:30-31), what would your first reaction be? Why?
- Have there been times you intentionally stepped into someone else's pain to walk alongside of them through it? (Share the details with your group)
- Create a CONCERN sheet: (*E.g. below*) Write 2-3 names of the people you come in contact with on a weekly basis. Then write one thing they're concerned about right now.

Bill	Job
Susie	Daughter
John	Health

- When is the last time kindness cost you something?
- Where will we serve in the community as a Small Group? Feel free to pick from our PEACE partner list OR pick your own. Lock in a date before you leave group and contact them this week!

#### **PEACE Partner List**

# **Maryland Coastal Bays**

Contact: Sandi Smith

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Phone: 410-213-2297

#### Diakonia

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# Delmarva Discovery Center

Contact: Christy Gordon

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# Hope And Life Outreach

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# **Chesapeake Housing Mission**

Contact: Laura Schmader

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# Salisbury Zoo

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# **REIGNITE WEEK 5**

# **ICEBREAKER:**

• Why do you think that giving is a topic that so many people are uncomfortable with?

# **GLANCE BACK:**

• Share something from last Sunday's message that stuck out to you. (Catchphrase, fill-in, etc.)

# **READ**:

• Mark 12:41-44

# WATCH VIDEO:

• (TIP: Feel free to stop the video and talk over a point or look up a Scripture reference)

# THE PRINCIPLES OF SACRIFICIAL GIVING:

1.	It's about equal sacrifice; not eq	ual		
2.	The is God	is God's mission agency.		
3.	God cares about the	more than the amount.		
4.	It's more important that we	than one gives all.		
WΗ	WHY SACRIFICE FOR GOD'S PURPOSES?			
1.	BECAUSE GOD	FOR YOU.		
"Christ loved us and gave himself up for us as a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God." (Ephesians 5:2, NIV)				

"It is God himself who has made us what we are and given us new lives from Christ Jesus; and long ages ago he planned that we should spend these lives in helping others." (Ephesians 2:10, The Living Bible)

2. BECAUSE IT'S WHAT I WAS \_\_\_\_\_\_.

and in the world to come he shall have eternal life." (Mark 10:29–30, The Living Bible)  "Give, and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together and running over, will be poured into your lap. For with the measure you use, it will be measured to you."" (Luke 6:38, NIV)  HOW TO KNOW WHAT I SHOULD GIVE:  1. Will I give based on reason or by?  "So ever since we first heard about you we have kept on praying and asking God to help you understand what he wants you to do; asking hin to make you wise about spiritual things;" (Colossians 1:9, The Living Bible)  2. Does this amount really?  "It is God himself who has made us what we are and given us new lives from Christ Jesus; and long ages ago he planned that we should spend these lives in helping others." (Ephesians 2:10, The Living Bible)  3. Will this amount demonstrate how much I Christ and his church family?  "You have so much faith, so many good preachers, so much learning, so much enthusiasm, so much love for us. Now I want you to be leaders also in the spirit of cheerful giving. I am not giving you an order; I am not saying you must do it, but others are eager for it. This is one way to prove that your love is real, that it goes beyond mere words." (2 Corinthians 8:7–8, The Living Bible)  4. Does this amount represent a genuine ?	_	
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QUESTIONS: (TIP: don't feel a need to get through all the questions, answer as many as time allows and where everyone participates)

- What jumped out from the teaching?
- Were you surprised that Jesus let a widow give all her money to God?
- The church in Jesus' day was far from perfect, yet He encouraged His followers to give sacrificially to it. What can we learn from that?
- Have there been times where you gave sacrificially and God showed up? Share these stories with your group?
- What are some ways you might be able to contribute to the campaign that you hadn't thought of before? (E.g. cutting cable and giving the money to the campaign, etc.)

PRAYER: (TIP: Have someone type/jot the prayer requests down and e-mail or text them to the group so everyone can pray for each other through the week)

- Have everyone share praises and prayer requests.
- Pray for the Finish the Task offering
- End by someone praying for the group.

# FILL-IN ANSWER KEY:

#### WEEK #1:

- Say
- Know
- Believe
- Give
- Accomplish

#### **WEEK #2:**

• Differences

#### **WEEK #3:**

- Serve Like Jesus
- Committed
- Faithful
- Responsive
- Willing
- Proper Motives

#### **WEEK #4:**

- Calloused
- Curious
- Compassionate
- See the Needs
- Sympathize
- Seize
- Sacrifice

#### WEEK #5:

- Gifts
- Local Church
- Attitude
- All Give
- Sacrificed
- Made to do
- Reward
- Revelation
- Stretch My Faith
- Love
- Sacrifice

# LORD'S SUPPER INSTRUCTIONS:

#### PREPARATION:

- Pour grape juice in small cups, one for each member
- Cut a piece of bread into small pieces or use small crackers (*E.g. Oyster Crackers*)
- Place items in the middle of a table or on a serving tray
- *OPTIONAL:* Have some soft music, preferably without words, playing in the background

# **BEGINNING:**

- Have a person in the group read the following Bible passages about the Lord's Supper:
- o Matthew 26:26-30
- o Mark 14:22-26
- Luke 22:14-23
- 1 Corinthians 11:23-26

# **CAUTION:**

- Paul was dealing with abuses of the Lord's Supper in the early church.
- Read 1st Corinthians 11:26-29

# **EXAMINATION:**

• Silently pray in preparation for taking the Lord's Supper. Spend a few minutes confessing your sins and humbly asking God to make you more like Jesus.

# TAKING THE ELEMENTS:

- Tell the group that as we pass the elements, they are each going to answer a question for each element. Allow a few minutes of reflection for people to think about their answers.
- With the bread: How have you seen Jesus sustain you this past year?
- With the cup: Where have you experienced Christ's forgiveness in your life this year?
  - The small group leader needs to be prepared to share first to set the tone. The group will hopefully follow the vulnerability demonstrated by them.

- As the bread is passed around the group have each person answer this question:
- How have you seen Jesus sustain you this past year?
- After each person has shared and has a piece of bread in their hand, pray a blessing over the bread, thanking Jesus for sustaining us.
   At the end of the prayer say, "The body of Christ broken for you, take this in remembrance of Him" and have everyone consume the bread together.
- As the cups are passed have each person answer this question:
- Where have you experienced Christ's forgiveness in your life this year?
  - After each person has shared and has a cup in their hand, pray a
    blessing over the juice, thanking Jesus for forgiving us. At the end
    of the prayer say, "This is the new covenant between God and His
    people confirmed with the blood of Christ, drink this in remembrance of Him." and have everyone consume the juice together.
- Close the time in prayer

# OAK RIDGE BINGO

l invited a person to church	I filled out a connect card every week	I prayed in my small group	We served together as a small group	I completed the series devotional
I took a growth track class	I shared a prayer request on my connect card	I serve in a ministry	We had a fun event as a small group	I took a next step on the church app
We added a new person to our small group	l invited someone to church	Free space	I watched every message in the series	l prayed in my small group
We had a fun event as a small group	I completed the series devotional	I shared a prayer request on my connect card	I took a growth track class	I serve in a ministry
I watched every message in the series	I took a next step on the church app	I filled out a connect card every week	We added a new person to our small group	We served together as a small group

# Reignite

Throughout the series, mark off the spaces you've completed. Once you've gotten BINGO, be sure to remove this sheet and bring it with you to Celebration Sunday (11/7) for a chance to win a SMALL GROUP PRIZE PACKAGE.

