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T3- Uncharted Territory

Leader Notes

The T3 challenge will take us into some uncharted territory. God wants us to discover how we can make a difference in someone else's life through your Talent, your Treasure, and your Time. Those are the three T's in T3. When we talk about "Talent," we mean the things you can do— your abilities and skills. By "treasure," we mean all the material blessings, possessions, and resources in your life. And "time" is a pretty simple concept to grasp— we're referring to all 24 hours of each day. So, let's get ready to enter this uncharted territory.

Opening Prayer

Make sure you take time each week to open in prayer.

Let's write out a prayer together as a group. Ask God to open your hearts to what we are about to do together through this T3 study. If you're worried or afraid, ask God for peace and strength. If you're excited or eager, ask God to use your group to calm your spirit. Make it a point to record your initial prayer of preparation as you enter this new challenge together.

KICKER

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What's the craziest or riskiest thing you've ever done?

How did that make you feel? Would you do it again, why or why not?

Same question, but what's the craziest thing you've ever felt God leading you to do?

How did you respond to God in that situation, and what was the result?

Think about your life right now. Can God accomplish more with your talent, your treasure, or your time? Explain why.

If someone gave you \$100 today and asked you to invest it in a cause that honored God, how would you use it— why?

What's your response when you hear that our group is going to venture into some "uncharted territory?"

Kicker Notes:

DISCUSSION

Discussion Notes:

Getting started: Walking in Jesus Sandals.

Leader:

Imagine what it must have been like to be in a crowd on a day when Jesus performed a miracle. Think about how you would have reacted!

Have someone read John 6:1-13

Remember that in Jesus' time they didn't count women and children, so once you add those in there must have been anywhere from 10,000 to 20,000 people there.

Of the miracles you can think of that Jesus did, what miracle from the gospels (Matthew, Mark, Luke, or John) would you want to see Jesus perform? Why?

Are there any miracles you wish Jesus could perform in your life right now?

If you were the young boy who had the bread and fish in John 6, would you have willingly sacrificed your meal? Explain your answer.

BIBLE

1. GOD CREATED YOU FOR A PURPOSE

Someone read Acts 2:42-47

Finish this sentence:

The purpose of the church is to _____.

Why did you finish the sentence the way you did?

When you think about what we read in Acts 2, how well do those verses describe most churches activities today?

Take a moment to think about your own life. In what areas are you living out Acts 2:42-47 right now? Give some examples of how God has used you.

What steps could you take to grow as a Christian who lives out those verses?

2. GOD CAN USE YOU TO SERVE

Why does Jesus place such high value on serving other people?

How has God used you to have a positive impact on other people? Give some recent examples.

3. GOD WANTS YOU TO LIVE A T3 LIFESTYLE

What's the last sermon you "preached" to your sphere of influence through your actions? What was the result?

What words would your friends use to describe church? Why would they choose those particular words?

If you were to really LIVE this T3 lifestyle, how would your life change?

What daily life changes would you have to make to live a T3 lifestyle?

Bible Notes:

CRUNCH

CRUNCH NOTES:

Leader:

This small group isn't just about just talk. It's about action. We've talked a lot in this lesson about the idea of a T3 challenge. But we don't want to just get together each week and sit around to talk about how cool it would be to do incredible stuff for God. We actually want to get out there and do it!

**What excites you about doing a group T3 challenge?
Why?**

**What scares you about doing a group T3 challenge?
Why?**

How do you think God might use your talents to help accomplish our group challenge?

How do you think God might use your treasure to help accomplish our group challenge?

How do you think God might use your time to accomplish our group challenge?

SO WHAT

So What Notes:

Leader:

There are a few action steps I'd like you to take over the next week.

1. Pray that God would clearly guide our group toward the T3 challenge that best uses our talent, treasure, and time.
2. Come to next week's small group ready to dig deeper and begin brainstorming what we can do to honor God.
3. Remember where we started- this will be a journey we take together!