

# TALKING POINTS GUIDE

## SUNDAY SERVICE REFLECTION

Talk about your favorite moment from this week's worship service. What scripture passage, worship song, or sermon quote did you relate to the most? Why?

## SCRIPTURE REFLECTION

Choose one of the questions below to answer in relation to the above scripture passage(s).

- What did you notice about this passage(s)?
- What did this passage(s) teach you?
- How are you challenged to live differently?
- How can you apply this passage(s) to your day-to-day life?

## DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

- What skill or talent in life is at the top of your list? What's the best you've ever done? For example: If you are a great bowler, what's your highest game?
- Why do you think we can understand that batting over .500 is awesome on baseball, but we tend to be so discouraged and discouraging when we can't reach perfection in a life arena? How would you help a child understand the balance between working hard/expecting perfect results? Sometimes adults perpetuate unrealistic expectations to the next generation, and discouraged perfectionists tend to completely give up.
- In Philippians 3:12-14, Paul frankly says he knows he's not perfect, but he keeps pushing towards the goal. Perfection is not the goal. What is he pushing for? How can you do the same thing?

## SCRIPTURE READING

Pray and ask God to illuminate his Word. Then, read the below passage(s) of scripture out loud.

*Not that I have already obtained all this, or have already arrived at my goal, but I press on to take hold of that for which Christ Jesus took hold of me. Brothers and sisters, I do not consider myself yet to have taken hold of it. But one thing I do: Forgetting what is behind and straining toward what is ahead, I press on toward the goal to win the prize for which God has called me heavenward in Christ Jesus.*

**PHILIPPIANS 3:12-14**

## TALK IT OVER WITH KIDS

- What do you really love to do and you know that you usually do it really well? What do you wish you could do better?
- Do you think being perfect is a good goal? Why or why not?
- When Paul, one of God's great teachers, was teaching us how to live for Jesus, he said he knew he wasn't perfect. But perfect isn't the goal. He said that doing our best for Jesus, making progress and not giving up, is the goal. He said he kept focused on the goal and never gave up. Pray and ask God to help you remember that truth!

Have you ever heard that piece of advice? It's a no-brainer. Especially when it's applied to other people. Phrases like "Follow your heart" or "Speak your truth" sound like good advice. But when you actually apply them in your life, you'll see the results you hoped they'd be. The good news is that there's a better way to a better life.

# MESSAGE NOTES

## MESSAGE NOTE OUTLINE

- Philippians 3:10-14
- Practice Makes Perfect
- Philippians 3:12

## MY NOTES