



The Cause

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“The Great Eight”

Gabbing about Life (Icebreaker)

When you were around 10 years old, who was your favorite superhero or celebrity? Today, who impresses you, (what type of person)? What is a quality or virtue that you believe to be especially important, (for example, loving, kind, humorous)?

Reading from the Book of Life (the Bible)

II Peter 1:1-11

Grappling with Life’s Issues (Questions)

Spend a few minutes discussing some of the major themes: What issues are presented in this passage? What stands out?

Identify the eight successive qualities in verses 5-7. Spend a few moments providing illustrations of each quality in practice in the “real world”. Do you believe these traits to be sequential and progressive, or exemplary of numerous character qualities we should pursue and embrace? How do these traits relate back to verse 3?

What is the primary message of verses 10 and 11? One important thing is to realize that everyone has a “calling”, or a God-given urge to follow a particular path in ministry. The best way to discover this is to pray and start serving somewhere.

Final Thought: How might adding these traits to your Christian growth make you more useful in the kingdom? Which trait(s) do you need in your life right now, (for example do you need knowledge to get a job done, or moral excellence to stand your ground)?

Praying through Life’s Challenges

Pray that each person might develop one of these traits more and more in their life.