

SMALL GROUP GUIDE

BUCKET LIST WEEK 1: THE DASH

Tips: Keep this conversation flowing and tight. Maximize participation. Be sensitive to any not-yet-Christians.

Opening questions

- As a playful start to the evening, get onto the Internet as a group – go to www.deathclock.com - and everyone who is willing put details in and find out the predicted last day of everyone's life.
- Share one thing you have on your bucket list.

Life-changing conversation

- The Sunday message spoke of learning to be **present**. What does this mean to you? Why is it so important to be present? And why is it so difficult? Any tips to share?
- **Read Ephesians 5:15-17**. In Rondebosch, Terran encouraged people every 6 or 12 months to do a 'roles/vision/rhythms/diary' exercise as a way of being more **proactive**: *First, clarify the various personal and public roles that make up your life. Second, prayerfully think about what you believe God would want each role to like in 6 months time. Third, clarify what regular rhythms you need to build into your life to move in the direction of your vision. Fourth, put those rhythms in your diary.* Just to get that process going, let's spend 5 minutes alone with pen in hand, selecting just one role, and then writing down vision for it, as well as any rhythms required. Then share with each other. Encourage the group to make time to do the rest of the exercise on their own.
- **Read James 4:13-16**. The Sunday message challenged us to no longer pray, 'God, here are my plans – bless them' but rather to lay down our plans in **surrender**. If you're honest, how do you feel about praying, 'God, I lay down my dreams, visions, plans and will. I choose to pursue your dreams, visions, plans and will rather.'

Prayer

- In groups of 2 or 3, or as a whole group, encourage people, if they feel comfortable to, to pray prayers of surrender together.
- Also ask the group to pray for the following two corporate prayer pointers:
 - Pray for all the new people who have visited our church the past few Sundays, as well as the many people who gave their lives to God.
 - Pray that God will raise up more and more leaders and volunteers in our midst. (We desperately need more to cope with the growth we're experiencing.)