

ICEBREAKER

What is one goal you'd like to accomplish during your lifetime?

SCRIPTURE READING

Read: 1 Thessalonians 5:11 (from all versions present)

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

- **Read:** 1 Kings 3:11-12
1 Kings 4:20-34
1 Corinthians 14:33

Organization that establishes *Order* will have *Peace* which leads to *Success*.

ORDER: Ephesians 5:2, "Be willing to help and care for each other because of Christ. By doing this, you honour Christ" (NLV)

PEACE: as a result they will know peace in their relationship. They are committed to one another. They enjoy unity. And all this leads to...

SUCCESS: they will experience a successful family.

Think of other organizations / relationships, where this principle could be applied to a disorderly organization. What kind of impact could implementing order bring to the organization?

Have you had a situation that was stressful but you chose to bring God's order into your life and that brought peace and success? Discuss the particulars of that situation to encourage others in your group.

- **Read:** John 14:27

Remember when you first were saved. You invited God into your life and God began putting your life in order. God addresses sin in your life because sin brings disorder and chaos.

Can you recall how God began to work in your life, putting things in order to establish peace in your life? What were some areas that God brought order to your life?

Is there any area of your life currently that you desire more order to bring His peace?

- King Solomon couldn't fulfill the calling God placed on his life without help from others ... and neither can we.

Read: 1 Corinthians 12:12-21

Geese travel in a V formation for a reason. They are able to travel 71% further as a team than if they were to fly on

their own. Flying that way conserves their energy. Each bird flies slightly above the bird in front of it, resulting in a reduction of wind resistance. The birds take turns being in the front, falling back when they get tired. In this way, geese can fly for a long time before they must stop for rest. If one of the geese fall ill or get injured and need to stop flying, two other geese will also peel off the formation and stay with that wounded goose on the ground until it is better. Then the three of them will find another team and begin flying with them.

"Teamwork is the starting point for treating people right. Most people think teamwork is only important for competition against other teams. I don't... In most things we do in life, people have to work hard together rather than against each other to get something done. The best teams in the world are the ones that help people become better and achieve more than they ever thought they could on their own, so it's no mystery that teamwork is such a big part of success." — Dave Thomas

How do you function best? As a leader? As a participant? As an observer? Is God prompting you in an area to take a step of faith to go from observer to participant or from participant to leader?

Share of a time that you were part of a team that worked together well. Discuss why you think the team functioned as it did. Were there any lessons you personally learned from working together with the team?

PERSONAL REFLECTION

Who do you have in your "V" formation? Who is encouraging you in your life? In your faith? At work? At home? Who are you being an encourager to and honking for them as they move forward in life?

THIS WEEK'S CHALLENGE

If you haven't been vocal as an encourager this is the week to start. Take time, share some words of encouragement with that person(s) that is in your "V" formation and possibly to someone that is currently waiting to join your flight forward.

THIS WEEK'S MISSIONARIES

Please keep our missionary family in Northern Asia in your prayers as this week's highlighted missionaries.

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