



**BOUNCE!**

STUDENT DISASTER RECOVERY

**2023 TEAM CHAPLAIN  
DEVOTIONAL GUIDE**

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## DEVOTION LEADER:

Over the course of this week you will have the responsibility of leading your team in a devotion each day on your job site. This devotion will be based upon what we are learning during evening worship. It will also help your team get better connected with each other.

It is important for you to remember you are leading a small group, and when you lead a small group the goal is to have everyone engaged and to get everyone to share. It is not an opportunity for you to preach or teach. It is an opportunity for you to lead your team in learning from God's word and from each other.

Each day your devotion will consist of four parts:

1. An opening activity to get everyone talking
2. Sharing from worship
3. Bible study
4. Prayer

Please make sure you have read the passage before you lead the devotion and that you have considered some answers to the questions you will be asking your group. As you prepare, feel free to add questions that might help your group as they discuss the topics. Ask God to guide your preparation and trust Him to give you the words you will need to say.

Thank you for accepting this ministry responsibility.

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# TEAM CHAPLAIN – MINISTRY DAY ONE

## OPENING ACTIVITY

Go around your Ministry Team and have everyone tell their name, where they are from (if your Ministry Team is mixed), and their favorite \_\_\_\_\_.

Pick something fun for everyone to share – this will help everyone get talking and get acquainted.

If everyone in your Ministry Team is from the same church, consider sharing what they are looking forward to or nervous about at BOUNCE this week.

## SHARING FROM WORSHIP

**SAY:** Last night we learned that God is the ultimate promise keeper!

**ASK:** What is something you heard in the message last night that stuck out to you?

## BIBLE STUDY

**SAY:** During our devotions this week we are going to look at some of God's promises in the Bible to help us see that we can always trust God. Even in the hard times of life.

Have someone **Read Romans 8:28–39** - BEFORE THEY READ, ask everyone to listen for some promises that God gives us in this passage.

**ASK:** What promises of God do we find in this passage?

Why are these promises important?

How should these promises impact the way we live our lives?

**SAY:** The promises of God are everywhere in Scripture. They teach us how much God loves us. They also show us how God cares for us, and they remind us that God is with us. And the more we read and study God's Word the more we will know about His promises.

**SAY:** Since God has given us so many promises we must walk in faith and know He will be true to everything He has taught us.

**PRAYER:** Go around your Ministry Team and ask for prayer needs.

Ask for two to three people on your team to pray, and you close in prayer when they are done.

# TEAM CHAPLAIN – MINISTRY DAY TWO

## OPENING ACTIVITY

Go around your Ministry Team and have everyone share their favorite promise from God in the Bible and why.

## SHARING FROM WORSHIP

**SAY:** Last night we learned that God promises us His presence and that He is always with us!

**ASK:** What is something that spoke to you in last night's worship time?

## BIBLE STUDY

**SAY:** Last night we studied a great Psalm and today we are going to take another look at it as a Ministry Team.

**NOTE:** If Psalm 139 was NOT a part of worship last night then **SAY:** Today we are going to look at one of the great Psalms about God's presence in our lives.

Do a popcorn **reading of Psalm 139:** Start with one person and have them read a verse and then the person next to them reads the next verse and so on around your group until the Psalm 139 is completely read.

**ASK:** What do we learn about God from this Psalm?

What promises of God do we see in the passage?

**SAY:** This Psalm is a beautiful and wonderful reminder of how much God cares for us. It should lead us to live confident lives and not get stuck in loneliness. Knowing God is with us brings us power and confidence and helps us know we are never alone.

**PRAYER** Ask for prayer needs, then have two or three people on the Ministry Team to pray.

# TEAM CHAPLAIN – MINISTRY DAY THREE

## OPENING ACTIVITY

Go around and ask everyone to share what they enjoyed or what stuck out to them in the Concert of Prayer last night.

## SHARING FROM WORSHIP

**SAY:** Today, we want to talk about the role of prayer in experiencing the presence of God.

**ASK:** What do you know about prayer and why it is important?

**ASK:** How does prayer remind us of God's presence and His promises?

**SAY:** God has given us prayer to have access to Him in a powerful way. Prayer helps us align our thoughts, our will and our hearts with the Lord. If we are going to practice the presence of God and live according to His promises then we must have active prayer lives.

## BIBLE STUDY

Have someone **read Matthew 6:7-13**

**ASK:** What does Jesus want us to learn about prayer?

What are the elements of a strong prayer that we see modeled in Jesus' words?

What promises of God are we seeking when we pray through The Lord's Prayer?

**SAY:** Jesus gives us an outline for effective prayer we can apply to our lives, and we can pray over others and in all circumstances.

**SAY:** Jesus spent time in prayer showing us we are to be men and women of prayer. Jesus prayed in the good times and in the darkest hour of His life before the cross. If prayer is important to Jesus, it should be a top priority for us.

**PRAYER** Have everyone on your Ministry Team briefly pray silently, then close the time by praying aloud.

# TEAM CHAPLAIN – MINISTRY DAY FOUR

## OPENING ACTIVITY

Go around your group and have everyone share what their favorite part of BOUNCE has been.

**ASK:** What challenges will we face today as we finish our project?

How can we work through these challenges to finish strong?

## SHARING FROM WORSHIP

**ASK:** What is one thing you learned from the message last night?

**SAY:** Last night we learned that God has promised us peace in our lives.

**ASK:** What keeps us from living at peace?

**ASK:** What can we do to pursue peace in our lives and with others?

## BIBLE STUDY

Have someone **read Romans 12:9–21**. (If you prefer, have several team members read portions of the passage.)

**ASK:** What are the things we can do to live at peace?

**ASK:** According to Romans 12:18, whose responsibility is it to be at peace with others?

**ASK:** What are we to do with those who refuse to live at peace with us?

**SAY:** The Bible does not ask us if we were wronged. It does not ask us to explain why we aren't living at peace with others, and God does not need to hear our excuses. As Christian people living with the peace of God, we are to be peacemakers and live at peace with others.

Add any closing remarks and transition to prayer.

**PRAYER** Sentence prayer - Go around your team, having each person pray one sentence aloud if they feel led about how they want to Share Christ and Show Love when they leave BOUNCE. After everyone has had an opportunity to pray, (some may choose not to) close out in prayer.



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