

Strong In The Storm

Personal Storms

Mark 6:50

Pre-Camp Devotional #2

James 3:13-16

Tell them: There is a trend going on in our culture today that is based off of something that has been around for a long time. The trend is called a selfie. What I want you to do is to get out your phones and take a selfie. Then put that selfie on instagram or facebook. Make sure that you use the hashtag, #lifebuildersselfie. (Do this for about 5-10 min. and then get them back together)

Ask them: I said earlier that a selfie is based off of something that has been around for a long time. What do you think I meant by that? (This is something they don't need to answer, but if they do it's ok. Selfishness is the answer.)

For Leaders: There is a video on youtube that really brings home the point of selfishness and narcissism that is in our culture today. I want you to watch this ahead of time so you can better understand the things bombarding our students in our culture. The things in this video are things that they see on and day-to-day basis, and are helping them form their thoughts and worldview. We need to be aware of it. There is some language in it that most students hear everyday so be warned. Here is the link for leaders.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kdemFfbS5H0>

Ask them: Do you think selfies are selfish? Why? (Some might answer no, some might answer yes. But it is important to remember taking a picture of yourself is not a sign that you are selfish. If you constantly do it, you should look at why you are doing it and if your attitude is in the right spot.)

Ask them: What is the purpose of a selfie? What do you think of when you see other people's selfies? What are you thinking about when you take a selfie, or what is your purpose for taking a selfie? (Lead this part as a conversation making sure you are getting them to see how selfish and narcissistic they can be or come across as being, by always taking selfies. This also translates into

their life and how they treat others. If they are thinking, "But first, let me take a selfie" then their hearts are not in the right place)

Have them open their Bibles and together read James 3:13-16

Ask them: After reading this part of the Bible, how dangerous does selfishness seem? Why?

Ask them: Why do you think verse sixteen talks about selfishness causing confusion or disorder? (If every one is out for their own desires, then there can be not any unification and everything will go to chaos.)

Tell them: We are going to spend a week helping others. If we have a selfish attitude, how will we be able to serve? (Rhetorical)

Watch this Link: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=eu8ELGO27LA>

Leaders make sure you view this ahead of time. The video has images of people and places that have been affected by the storm. This will help your student prepare for what they will be seeing.

Tell them: The people who were affected by Hurricane Sandy not only went through a real storm, but also are now dealing with personal storms. You are going to be able to be the ones who give these people the hope and peace that only Jesus brings, and that IS something that you can do.

Ask them: Verse thirteen talks about being humble, but how are we to be humble according to this verse? (We are to be humble by doing deeds that are good, and that is exactly what they will be doing this summer at Life Builders.)

Tell them: As you are preparing your minds and hearts for the Life Builders week and as you go about your daily lives, think about the people you are going to help through these storms. Also every time you hear the word selfie or take one of yourself, remember that others need your help and think about how you can help them be strong in the storm. (My goal is for them to use selfies in general to help them to remember to think about others.)

Close in Prayer