

# LEADER'S GUIDE



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We are excited that you have decided to participate in Quake! You can look forward to an event filled with learning, worship, service and fun as we grow in relationship with our Lord Jesus Christ and each other.

This guide is designed to help you, as the group leader, be as prepared as possible and help your group have an amazing and impactful Quake experience!

**QUAKE**  
YOUTH ENCOUNTERING THE GOSPEL

# TIPS FOR SUCCESS



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# HOW TO PREPARE

## PRAY

Ask youth, parents, and your congregation to join you in prayer leading up to Quake. This models to students the importance of lifting our lives up to the Lord in prayer. Pray that youth encounter Christ in a real way and grow in their relationship with Him.

## MEDIA KIT

The media kit for your Quake can be found at [quakeevent.com/your city](http://quakeevent.com/your city). It includes event specific posters to help you advertise your Quake, as well as ready-to-use social media posts.

## ADULT LEADERS

We strongly recommend you choose adult leaders over the age of 21 and conduct background checks. Contact your church's insurance company for more information.

## SPECIAL NEEDS

If someone in your group has special needs, send an email to [quake@lifepromotions.org](mailto:quake@lifepromotions.org) or include the information in the "Do you have any special room needs?" section of your registration. We will do our best to accommodate needs but would like at least 30 days' notice.

## ROOM ASSIGNMENT

Download the Housing Form on your Quake event website. You are responsible for assigning youth and adults to rooms. Bring the completed Housing Form and Overnight Policies to the Adult Leader Meeting on Friday evening. Quake policy states that males and females are not allowed to share rooms unless a family purchases a room to share together.

## PRE-QUAKE BIBLE STUDY

The Pre-Quake Bible Study will help your group to start thinking about the theme and get excited for Quake.

## GROUP COVENANT

As part of the Pre-Quake Bible Study, create a covenant with your group to address potential issues according to the policies of your church and include Quake's Covenant. This tells youth and adult leaders what is expected of them at Quake.

## FAMILY TIME GUIDE

Review the Family Time Guide, as you will lead Family Time for your group throughout the event. Don't forget to print the guide if you would like a paper copy at Quake.

## QUAKE DRESS CODE

To encourage modesty and create a Christ-focused environment, agree on a dress code which includes the following:

- Clothes should be worn over swimsuits when outside the pool area.
- Inappropriate clothing includes articles with questionable messages (tobacco, alcohol, obscenities, etc.), revealing tank tops, short shorts and skirts, midriff shirts, and skimpy swimsuits. Group leaders should enforce this policy.

## PACKING LIST

- Bible
- Paper/notepad
- Writing utensil
- Appropriate clothing
- Money for meals, offering, CDs, t-shirts, etc.
- Bedding and towels for the 5<sup>th</sup> person in a room (unless your hotel room accommodates 5-6 people, see registration website for more information)
- **Positive attitude, enthusiasm, and willingness to participate**

Leave at home valuables, alcohol, drugs, weapons (pocketknives, matches, and etc.), inappropriate clothing (see covenant if you have questions), and negative attitudes.

## RULES & REGULATIONS

Please go over this list of rules & regulations with your youth group prior to attending Quake and when you arrive for the weekend. We want Quake to be a fun and safe environment for all who attend.

- We agree that all those present with our group, adult leaders and youth, are considered event participants and agree to abide by these rules & regulations.
- We agree to be part of all scheduled activities at the event in conjunction with our group leader(s).
- For our own safety, we will not go out alone and we will keep our doors closed at all times.
- We understand that illegal activity, including underage drinking, by event participants is prohibited both on and off site during the event. We also encourage adult leaders to follow the example of event hosts and abstain from consuming alcohol during the event to emphasize the importance of the example they set.
- We will make sure that our group leader(s) know where we are at all times. We will not leave the event hotel without our leader's permission.
- We agree that we will have at least one adult leader onsite with our group throughout the duration of the event.
- We will report any illness or personal emergency to our group leader. If we cannot find our group leader or need additional help, we will go to an event host or the front desk for assistance.

- We understand that if we break or damage anything at the event hotel, we (not Life Promotions) are responsible for working with the hotel and fully paying for the repair.
- We agree to be quiet and inside our rooms during the listed curfew time (unless we are with an adult leader and quiet).
- As event participants, we agree to have adult supervision while in hotel rooms when mixed genders are present.
- We agree to adhere to a dress code that is modest and appropriate. Should questions arise regarding modesty and appropriateness of dress, an event host will have the final say.
- We understand that, by registering for a Life Promotions event, we agree to allow Life Promotions to take pictures and/or videos during the event and use them for promotional purposes.
- We agree not to do anything that would jeopardize the enjoyment or safety of the other participants and guests at the hotel.
- We agree to abide by the guidelines stated above and to help one another abide by them as well.
- If we choose not to follow these rules & regulations, we understand and accept the consequences decided upon by our adult leaders and/or Quake event hosts.
- We understand that Life Promotions reserves the right to refuse the opportunity to participate in Life Promotions programs to people whose behavior is dangerous or questionable.

# WHAT TO EXPECT

## PRAYER

Prayer is essential to our faith-lives. Throughout the weekend, there will be opportunities for corporate prayer, small group prayer, and personal prayer time. Every Quake offers an experiential prayer room for those who would like to spend time in prayer in this way.

## FOCUS

Quake staff are Christian role-models both on and off the stage. Youth can get to know the staff on a personal level by inviting them to meals and Family Time. Your youth will love it!

## CHECK-IN

Arrive Friday between 5:30 PM and 7:30 PM. Send your group leader to the Quake registration area (most often located in the ballroom foyer) for room keys and welcome packet. Have the rest of your group wait in your vehicles. If the number of middle schoolers, high schoolers, or adults have changed since you registered, let Quake staff know at check-in.

## ADULT LEADER MEETING

Send one adult to the orientation meeting which occurs after Friday Celebration. Be sure to bring the completed Housing form and Overnight Policies signed by each adult.

## HOTEL ROOMS

Your group's rooms will be as close together as possible. The physical layout of the building may prevent your rooms from being right next to each other. At most hotels, incidentals such as pay-per-view movies, outside phone calls, room service, and video games will be turned off. Hotels are not able to turn off HBO and Showtime; please make sure you know what your youth are watching. You can make calls between rooms; please ensure prank calls are not made. Do not charge items to your room. If you would like incidentals, such as meals in the hotel restaurant or room service, go to the front desk with a credit card to pre-pay.

## CURFEW

Ensure everyone in your group is in their own room and quiet from the end of Family Time until curfew ends the following morning.

## CELEBRATION

Celebration is a high-energy, large group gathering that includes music, videos, a Gospel-focused message, and Scripture.

## **CAMPFIRE**

Campfire is a large group gathering time of worship, prayer, and reflection at the end of each day. We ask that you gather as a group to keep your youth focused and respectful.

## **FAMILY TIME**

Family Time is devotional time with your group to share, reflect, and pray in your hotel rooms. If your group would like a meeting room for Family Time, indicate this on your registration in the "Do you have any special room needs?" section or email the Quake Director.

## **WORKSHOPS**

Workshop information will be in the program on your Quake webpage Wednesday before Quake. Workshop registration may occur at Quake to help control the size of each session. Some Quake events offer workshops for adult leaders. Adults are welcome to observe at youth workshops, but please remember the priority is for youth to discuss and participate.

## **LATE NIGHT ACTIVITIES**

Activities may include games, service projects, prayer time, praise and worship, or a dance. Check your program the Wednesday before Quake for the activities offered. We encourage you to have fun floating between activities and spending time with your youth.

## **WACKY WARDROBE NIGHT**

Quake offers Wacky Wardrobe Night for youth and adults on Saturday during Late Night Activities. It is a creative way to engage your group and have fun! For 2020 come dressed in your best NEON outfits with your group for a blacklight dance party!

## **VARIETY SHOW**

Many Quake events offer a Variety Show for youth to take the stage and perform a skit, musical talent, dance, puppet show, etc. We ask you to encourage your youth to pick Christian content or appropriately themed music and that adult leaders only participate to assist their group, not to perform individually. Please check your specific Quake schedule or email the Quake Director to see if a Variety Show will be at your event. To allow the maximum number of youth participants, we allow one entry per person and ask that each act remain under four minutes. *Youth should bring all materials needed for their act due to limited resources onsite.*

## **MEALS**

Meals are not included at Quake events. Meal breaks are typically 1 - 2 hours. Many hotels restrict the consumption of outside food in hallways, meeting rooms, and other public places within the building. Please contact your hotel directly to find out specific requirements.

## **OFFERING**

An offering is received at Sunday Celebration to support the service project. Please see the included flyer for more information on this year's offering.

## **MERCHANDISE**

Quake, speakers, and musicians may have items for sale such as t-shirts, hats, and CDs. Remind your group to bring extra money should they choose to support these ministries in this way.

## **POOL**

Swim time is not part of the Quake schedule. One of your adults must always be present with youth while swimming, should your group decide to offer that as an option. Contact your hotel to find out if it has an indoor or outdoor pool.

## **CHECKOUT**

Load out of your rooms before Sunday Celebration and return keys to the Quake Info Booth. Check that you have no incidental room charges at the front desk.

# **POST QUAKE**

## **PRAY**

Pray for the youth to continue in their journey with the Lord.

## **POST-QUAKE BIBLE STUDY**

A thematic leader guide will be emailed to your group leader after Quake so that you can continue the discussion and connections that began at Quake.

## **EVALUATE**

Complete our online survey at [QuakeEvent.com/Survey](https://QuakeEvent.com/Survey) and register to win a \$50 Visa gift card! There are also comment cards at the Quake Info Booth onsite at Quake.

## **QUAKE 2021**

Mark your calendar with next year's dates and check [QuakeEvent.com](https://QuakeEvent.com).

## **VOLUNTEER**

Quake would not be possible without volunteers. Sign up to volunteer by choosing "Volunteer" at the top of the page on [QuakeEvent.com](https://QuakeEvent.com).

# COVENANTS

## QUAKE COVENANT

- We agree that those present with our group- adult leaders and youth, are considered event participants and agree to abide by this covenant.
- We commit to prioritizing the safety of others and ourselves, so that we can focus on our relationship with God in this environment.
- We commit to being respectful of the hotel and each other's property as we are ambassadors for our church and Christ.
- We commit to a modest dress code, to not be a distraction to each other as we pursue Christ.
- We commit to being distraction free so that we and others can pursue Jesus.
- We commit to pursuing all that Jesus has for us this weekend.
- We commit to trusting and communicating with our leaders this weekend.
- We commit to being open in the times of worship and respectful of those around us.
- We commit to having fun in Jesus' name.

## ADDITIONAL COVENANT IDEAS

The following conduct is not tolerable and if violated it will be handled with consequences determined by my group leader:

- The following clothing is not appropriate and will not be worn at Quake:
- We commit to treat each other as follows:
- We plan to participate in Quake activities in the following manner:

## ADULT COVENANT

Create an adult covenant to clearly state the responsibilities of adult leaders. Have adults sign the covenant and display it for your group at Quake.

- We enforce Quake's Covenant and guidelines agreed upon by the group.
- We will have at least one adult leader onsite with our group throughout the duration of the event.
- We will be positive role models by participating in all Quake activities.
- We know where the individuals within our group are at all times.
- We will follow the example of Quake staff by abstaining from alcohol during Quake.
- Each adult leader is responsible for the conduct of the members of their group.
- We agree to support, pray for, and encourage the youth throughout the event.

# PRE-QUAKE BIBLE STUDY



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# LEADER NOTES

## INTRODUCTION

God's word is the foundation for Quake. The music, messages, and activities are all Bible-based and designed to have God's word enter our hearts and minds. This study will help you get ready for Quake and feel comfortable handling God's word. This study includes an "Additional Exploration" section (outlined in a blue box). This section is optional and can be used if your group is ready to dive deeper into faith discussions.

## TEXT DESIGNATIONS

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## GOALS

- Provide insight to the Quake theme.
- Prepare your group for the Holy Spirit to work in each person.
- Strengthen your group as they explore the depth of God's word.
- Build anticipation and calm fears about Quake.

## PREPARATION

Supplies:

- Bibles
- Paper and pen/pencil for each person in the group
- Large sheet of paper and a marker

Before you begin the study, assign individuals to read these verses at the appropriate times:

- John 10:10
- John 6:5-13
- Luke 5:4-7
- Acts 3:1-10 (Additional Exploration)
- John 2:1-11 (Additional Exploration)

# PRE-QUAKE BIBLE STUDY

## OPENING (5-10 minutes)

Have your group sit in a circle. Ask someone to open with prayer or they can read the following prayer:

Good and gracious God, our Heavenly Father, being content with what we have is not often a feeling we have. Our minds, our emotions, our bodies all seem to want more than we already have. Some of these desires are not always bad – these feelings drive us to fuller lives and deeper goals. But some of these desires can ruin us. Give us understanding and wisdom in knowing what good desires are and which desires we should run from. All this we pray in the name of Your Son, our Savior, Jesus. Amen.

Distribute paper and pen/pencil to each person in the group. Ask everyone to write down their answers to the following:

- *What good and holy things do most teenagers want MORE of today?*
- *What dangerous and unholy things do some teenagers want MORE of today?*
- *Does having MORE things (toys, clothes, gadgets, etc.) really make people happy over long periods of time?*
- *What MORE would make you happy over a long time period?*
- *Why do you think God lets some people have lots MORE than other people?*
- *If people are poor or don't have lots of stuff, can they still consider themselves blessed? Why or why not?*

## EXAMINING THE THEME (20-30 minutes)

Our theme this year is “MORE” based on Ephesians 3:20-21.

Ask someone to read Ephesians 3:20-21 aloud.

*Notice the extravagant talk about our God's power: “immeasurably more” and “more than we can imagine.” Why is the author, St. Paul, using these thoughts and phrases?*

Take a few moments and discuss what are the things God is willing to give us MORE of. Discuss whether God is willing to give us material things as well as spiritual blessings.

### **Satan (The Thief) steals, kills, and destroys. Jesus gives life to the full!**

*Following the paths of evil and ungodliness do not add joy and depth to our lives. It is only in following Jesus that we get the best life has to offer!*

Ask volunteer to read John 10:10 and then discuss the following:

*Jesus first wants to give us MORE of His best.*

- *What 'best' does He give by dying for us?*
- *Is Jesus only concerned with our souls?*
- *Does He offer provision for our minds and bodies?*

### **Jesus offers MORE in the miracles He performs.**

The Holy Spirit wants to direct our minds as well as fill our hearts and souls.

Ask volunteer to read John 6:5-13 and then discuss the following:

- *Notice Jesus doesn't just give a "taste" or "a bit of food". He gave "as much as they wanted." Verse 12 says "when they all had enough to eat." What does this say about Jesus' power for us?*
- *They picked up Twelve baskets of leftovers from two little fish and five dinner rolls What does Jesus want us to take away from this account about His giving MORE than imaginable?*

Ask volunteer to read Luke 5:4-7 and then discuss the following:

- *Why was it best that the disciples listened to his directions?*
- *Was it reasonable to doubt him? Why or why not?*
- *There were so many fish the nets were ripping! There were so many fish the boats were sinking! What does this say about Jesus' ability to give abundance? Can/will He do that for us?*
- *When Jesus wants to bless us and we listen to Him, can we assume He will bless our friends and family like He did with the partners in the other boat? How much then should we listen!*

### **ADDITIONAL EXPLORATION** (10-15 minutes)

Make sure everyone has a pen/pencil and a piece of paper.

Ask volunteer to read Acts 3:1-10 then discuss the following:

- *The beggar asked Peter and John for what? Instead they gave him something better. That something was what? Why was this better?*
- *Sometimes God wants to give us better things than we ask for. On a piece of paper, off the top of your head make, make a list of things you want God to give you (new clothes, electronics, bigger muscles, better singing voice, etc. )Then next to these things write down something that is better than what you ask for? (For instance: instead of new clothes, perhaps a sense of contentment and self-confidence for what you have, instead of a better singing voice, using the gifts God has given to make an impact on others, etc).*

Ask volunteer to read John 2:1-11 then discuss the following:

- *When Jesus turned water into wine, notice how full Jesus told the steward to fill the jars with water. How full?*
- *What does this say about Jesus giving to the full?*
- *Notice what the water-became-wine was called -- the best wine! What does this say about the quality as well as the quantity of Jesus' gifts?*

### **COVENANT** (5-10 minutes)

*To ensure healthy relationships and a healthy community, it is important for us to create a covenant together that clearly outlines our promises to one another.*

Read Quake's Covenant to the group which can be found in the section "Tips for Success."

*In addition to Quake's Covenant, what do you think is important for everyone to commit to for the weekend?*

Some answers may include arrive on time, attend all sessions, respect each other's property, no pranks, listen to each other, no gossiping, or pray for each other and for the event. Write these items on a large sheet of paper.

Clothing Guideline: To encourage modesty and create a Christ-focused environment, Quake asks your group to agree on an appropriate dress code in your covenant. Inappropriate clothing includes clothing with questionable messages, midriff shirts, etc.

Remind the group that this covenant is a binding agreement and anyone who feels they cannot uphold some part of this covenant should speak up now. At the end, ask youth and adult leaders to sign it and visibly display it at your Quake event.

### **CLOSING** (5-10 minutes)

Ask everyone to think about a person in their life who really needs MORE of something other than physical stuff (like love, health, joy, peace, hope, etc.)

Ask for a volunteer to start and go around the circle and have each person say the first name of the person and what you want them to have MORE of (Like: Mary – patience). If someone is uncomfortable saying the name out loud, they can just say the word and silently say the name in their hearts. Ask a volunteer to close with a prayer or read the following prayer:

*Savior Jesus, You hold in Your hands all authority, all material, all power. Bless those we have mentioned by name according to Your will and purpose. All this we pray in Your name, Jesus. AMEN*



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# LEADER NOTES

## INTRODUCTION

This time spent together – at the end of each of the two evening celebrations, night events, and midday on Saturday and Sunday morning – we call Family Time. These gatherings with just your group members are often some of the most powerful times of the weekend and the days beyond. It is here where groups can catch their collective breath, reflect, react, rejoice and find renewal in considering the worship, faith-building activities and friendship-making that were experienced during the day(s). Because God’s Word is the foundation and motivation for Quake, this Family Time Guide offers some Scripture reading, study and discussion to help guide your thinking as you wind up the day. We pray it is a blessing to you as we all are drawn closer to Jesus.

Each Family Time includes an “Additional Exploration” section (outlined in a blue box). These sections are optional and can be used if your group is ready to dive deeper into faith discussions.

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## GOALS

- Connect with your group to share experiences and thoughts of each day.
- Examine and explore how God’s presence, power and promise have been around since the beginning of time and how He still offers them to His people.
- Give confidence that God’s plan of redeeming us by Jesus’ love through His sacrifice, death and resurrection offers salvation and restoration to all who believe.
- Recognize and enjoy this fellowship of believers at this Quake and celebrate growth in our group.

## PREPARATION

Supplies:

- Bibles
- ADDITIONAL EXPLORATIONS only - Paper and pen/pencil for each person in the group

# FRIDAY NIGHT

## OPENING

Ask someone to open with a prayer reflecting on the evening or they can read the following prayer:

*Loving Father, we are looking forward to a great weekend together. Thank You for all those who made it possible for our group to be here. Open our hearts, minds and souls to receive all that You want to give us. Now draw us closer to You and to each other in this time. All this we pray in Jesus' name. Amen.*

## PERSONAL REFLECTION ON THE DAY

- *On a scale of one to ten, with ten being the highest number, rate your expectation of this evening before it began? Why?*
- *Now that the day is done, how do you rate this day on a scale of one to ten? Why?*
- *What was your high today? Why?*
- *What was your low today? Why?*

## EXAMINING THE THEME

*Our theme this weekend is MORE based on Ephesians 3:20-21.*

Have all participants find the verse in their Bibles. Ask someone to read or recite it aloud and then discuss the following:

- *Our generation not only wants MORE of everything, we expect it.*
  - *How hard is it for you to be satisfied with what you already have?*
  - *What MORE do you want God to do for you right now?*
- *Certainly, God as a loving Father wants to give us, His children, MORE.*
  - *What are the spiritual things God longs for us to have more of?*
  - *Are these MORE important than earthly things? Why or why not?*
- *MORE than our earthly lives, God wants to give you eternal life.*
  - *What does eternal life look like to you?*
  - *Why is it hard sometimes to get excited about heaven later?*
  - *Why is it important to think about Jesus giving us heaven for free?*

## ADDITIONAL EXPLORATION

### MEDITATION

- *What things are you hoping to get MORE of from God by attending Quake this weekend?*
- *What was your favorite thing you heard this evening about the theme, about Jesus or about our faith?*
- *Is it hard not to be self-conscious when you're in the Celebration or are you guarded in your actions? (In other words, can you be free to sing and dance around or are you worried other will judge you for this?) Why or why not?*

## ILLUMINATION

*A number of statements are going to be said. Answer with two raised hands in the air if that fits you. Answer with your arms folded across your chest if that's not you. Put both hands on top your head if it somewhat relates to you.*

Talk about each response after each statement is read before moving on to the next one.

- *I sometimes feel unlovable and unlovely.*
- *I think most people think less of me than I think of me.*
- *I know in my head God loves me but sometimes I doubt it.*
- *Knowing Jesus loves me and saved me, I can better face the world.*
- *I often let others' opinions of me define my moods and my behaviors.*

Ask someone to read Matthew 10:29-31 and then discuss the following:

- *Jesus talks about how God the Father even pays attention to the birds of the air.*
  - *How much does God pay attention to them?*
  - *Why does Jesus want us to think about God's love, care and concern for His creation?*
- *How can you tell if someone really cares for you and doesn't just say they care for you?*
  - *How does God prove His desire and ability to care for you?*
  - *When do you most feel loved and cared for by God?*
- *What is Jesus really saying here when He says that God has numbered all of our hairs on our head?*
  - *Do you think God really does or is this just an illustration?*
  - *If He really does know all the hairs on your head, what would this say about His commitment to love, protect and bless you?*
- *What do you think is Jesus' big point in talking about the birds and that we're more valuable than they?*
  - *Did Jesus prove how much He values us? How?*

## EXPLORATION

Hand out paper and pens to each person. Then ask someone to read Philippians 1:9-10 and then discuss the following:

- *Paul wants your love – both giving it and receiving it - to abound MORE and MORE. Real love needs to grow and mature. Paul wants it to abound MORE so you'd know some things about the life God gives you already and figure other things out that you don't know. How does loving and being loved help you understand these things?*
- *Then Paul says be more about love so you can discern (see trouble before it happens) so you'll be pure and blameless on judgment day. How does seeing Jesus' love and sacrifice for you keep help you look ahead to see if trouble is coming?*
- *Write a quick note to God thanking Him for your life and the gifts He's given you.*

## **CLOSING**

Have your group sit in a circle. Ask for two or three participants to say what they are most hoping to get out of this weekend. Go around the circle and have everyone share a word that describes how they are feeling about their own life right now. Ask if any want to explain why they said the word they said. Then have a volunteer close with prayer or read the following prayer:

*Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, you are the one who loves and protects us best. Be with us this evening as we settle down and get refueled for tomorrow. Guard our bodies, souls and minds from evil and harm and direct us toward thoughts of You, Your power and Your amazing providing for us. Help us to see MORE and MORE of You. All this we pray in Your name Jesus. AMEN*

# SATURDAY AFTERNOON

## OPENING

Invite someone to open with a prayer, asking for God to give MORE of what makes life worth living (love, joy, peace, family, friends, etc.) or they can read the following:

*Heavenly Father, because we are so easily distracted by temporary things, we sometimes miss out on noticing the best things You offer us. You promise to give us MORE of the things that matter and last. Direct our hearts and minds to see and receive the things You want us to see and have. Continue to be with us as we solidify old friendships, make new friendships and grow MORE and MORE close to You. Help us to always remember Your ultimate gifts of forgiveness, love and eternal salvation. This we pray in the name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Amen.*

## PERSONAL REFLECTION ON THE DAY

Have everyone in your group sit on chairs or on the floor. Read the following statements. After each statement, ask the students to stand if the statement is true for him/her. Before reading the next statement, ask those who are standing to sit down. After all statements have been read, ask the students to share one reason why they chose to stand when they did.

- *I am addicted to gaming or other technology gadgets.*
- *I could never have enough clothes that I like.*
- *I would rather hang with my friends than be with my family.*
- *I like Jesus, but I get bored with Christian events.*
- *Food is more than eating. It's a social opportunity to connect with others.*
- *I'd rather be alone in my room listening to music, texting, or watching a movie than be with other people and interact with them.*

## EXAMINING THE THEME

Ask everyone to find the theme verse, Ephesians 3:20-21, in their Bibles. Ask someone to read it aloud and then discuss the following as a group:

- Blaise Pascal (French mathematician, inventor, and scientist) said: "God has placed a God-sized hole in everyone's soul that only God can fill." What do you think he meant by this?
  - What happens if you try to fill the God-sized hole with something else?
  - Could a lack of God in one's life cause them to want more of other things?
- Wanting MORE is not always greedy or self-serving. Wanting others to have more of the good life or more of a respect for our earth and all creation or more of a desire to make a difference in the lives of others are really good things. How hard is it to help others have more of these things? Explain your thoughts.

## ADDITIONAL EXPLORATION

### MEDITATION

- *Is following Jesus more than you do now something that you think should be done openly and publicly or should be done privately? Why?*
- *When we mess up with God's laws, why do we feel we have to fix what we've broken?*
- *Jesus offers more and more grace in His love. Why is this so hard to accept?*

### ILLUMINATION

Ask someone to read Romans 8:37 aloud and then discuss the following:

- *A conqueror or a victor is one who wins in a contest, game or battle. Paul doesn't say we're conquerors, he says we are MORE than conquerors. Do you think there is a difference between the two things? If so, what?*
- *Could it be that being MORE than a conqueror means we get the results, fruits or spoils of the contest but we didn't have to be the one in the contest?*
- *How does this equate with Jesus fighting the devil for us, but we get heaven?*
- *If someone won a battle for you and gave you freedom, peace and joy afterwards for free, how should you respond to that person?*
- *Jesus gives us eternal victory; how should we always respond to Him? Why?*

### EXPLORATION

Hand out paper and pens to each person. Have them make three vertical columns. Label the first column "For Me". Label the second column "For Family and Friends". Label the last column "For the Good of All". Then ask someone to read aloud Matthew 7:7-11 and share the following:

*Because we are the children of God, we can approach our heavenly Father anytime, for anything, anywhere. Think of the things that God could give in answer to prayer and then write them in each column. Remember, God can give more than just things, like good health, good relationships, stronger faith, ability to be thankful, etc. And don't forget the ultimate gift – eternal life through Jesus' death and resurrection.*

### CLOSING

Ask someone to share about a time they thought would be routine or even boring, but it turned out to be a life-changing or life-encouraging time. Then ask someone to close with prayer or they can read the following prayer:

*Gracious God remind me through the rest of this day that You will never leave my side or ignore me. I know there is so much MORE for me to learn about You, Your ways, Your world, Your people and Your plan for my life. Lead us all into a wonderful afternoon and evening and may we get out of this day all You would have us receive. In Jesus' name we pray, AMEN*

# SATURDAY NIGHT

## OPENING

Have a student or adult leader open with a prayer reflecting on the evening or they can read the following prayer:

*Father, Son and Holy Spirit, so much has happened in our day today. Thank You for being with us every second and going with us every step of the way. We especially thank You for the love and grace You freely give to us. May we experience MORE and MORE of You now as we calm our minds and bodies and get ready for reflecting on today. This all we pray in the name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Amen.*

## PERSONAL REFLECTION ON THE DAY

- *On a scale of one to ten, with ten being the highest number, rate your day today in terms of fun, interest, and being with friends? Why?*
- *How would you rate your day today in terms of faith building/strengthening and in being with God and other Christian young people? Why?*
- *What was your high today? Why?*
- *What was your low today? Why?*

## EXAMINING THE THEME

*As we have been discussing all weekend, our theme at Quake this year is MORE based on Ephesians 3:20-21.*

Have everyone find the verse in their Bibles. Ask someone to read or recite it to the group and then discuss the following:

- *What will you tell your friends this weekend was about for you? What two things will you want to remember most? Name one new thought you had this weekend.*
- *What do you think God most wanted you to get out of this weekend? What MORE things is God wanting for you in your life? Is this different from what you want in your life? If yes, why?*

## ADDITIONAL EXPLORATION

### ILLUMINATION

Ask someone to read aloud Hebrews 10:25 and then discuss the following:

- *When do Christians meet together most often? Why do we go to worship? What is hardest for people your age about going to church? How can we get past these feelings so as to feed our souls?*
- *Going to church isn't only about what you get, it's also about what you give: encouragement, support, companionship, etc. The writer of Hebrews even says to encourage one another more and more. What kind of encouragement is this? Why is this necessary?*

- *We are to encourage each other more and more “as you see the day approaching”. This day is Judgement Day. What kind of encouragement is needed to face Judgment Day? How do we focus more and more on Jesus as we are assured, He will give us heaven on Judgment Day?*

### **EXPLORATION**

Give everyone a piece of paper and a pen and ask them to number 1 through 12 down the left-hand side of the page, so as to make a list.

Ask someone to read aloud Jude 1:24 and then share the following:

- *These verses tell us about the power and love of Jesus who will present us to the Father when we go to heaven and we’ll be pure, spotless and righteous.*
- *There are four parts to every person: 1) Physical – body and senses; 2) Emotional – moods and feelings; 3) Intellectual – intelligence and reasoning; 4) Spiritual – soul and faith.*
- *On the paper in front of you, make a list of things you are grateful for in your life. Consider being thankful for things that effect all four parts of your being.*
- *After you are done, pray a silent prayer of thanks for each thing you have listed.*

### **CLOSING**

Have your group sit in a circle and ask them to think of a cartoon character, comic strip character or Disney character that most symbolizes their own life. Go around the circle and have each participant say what character they thought of and why. If they pass at first because they can’t think of one, come back to them later. Encourage everyone to participate.

Ask someone to close in prayer or read the following prayer:

*Loving Lord Jesus, Come be with us this whole night. Do not let us be concerned with what we don’t have but remind us of all that You give to us and how You are willing to give us abundantly MORE of the things you have planned for us. Help us to rest tonight in Your comfort, peace and care. All this we pray in Your name Jesus. AMEN.*

# SUNDAY MORNING

## REFLECTION AND WRAP UP

We hope that Quake was a time that your group was able to grow closer to God and each other. As we strive to create a community that lifts and encourages each other, we invite you to use the following questions to provoke thoughtful discussion to allow your group to identify and reflect on how they are growing in their faith.

- *What were your thoughts as you arrived at Quake?*
- *How did your expectations change throughout the event?*
- *Did you experience anything unexpected this weekend?*
- *How did you experience the theme, MORE, through the speaker and musicians this weekend?*
- *What was your favorite part of Quake?*
- *What was the best workshop you attended and what did you learn?*
- *When did you feel connected to God?*
- *When did you feel connected to the community here and/or each other?*
- *How are you more equipped to speak about who God is and the promise that He has for us – that His will is good, pleasing, and perfect?*
- *What will you tell people about this weekend?*