

RE:IGNITE

2 Corinthians 5:17



LEADER'S GUIDE

We are excited to have you 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 be as prepared as possible to help your group have an amazing, impactful Quake experience!

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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 will encounter Christ in a real way and grow in their relationship with Him.

PROMO KIT

The promo kit for your Quake can be found at quakeevent.com/your Quake city (no spaces). It includes event specific posters, ready-to-use social media posts and a link to a promotional video to help you advertise your Quake.

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 or include the information in the "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 copies of signed Overnight Policies (one copy signed by each adult leader) 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 included in this guide, will help your group 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 (included in this guide). This tells youth and adult leaders what is expected of them at Quake.

FAMILY TIME GUIDE

Review the thematic Family Time Guide included in this guide, as you will lead Family Time for your group throughout the event.

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 are asked to 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 5th 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**

The following items are prohibited at Quake: alcohol, drugs, weapons (pocket knives, matches, etc.), inappropriate clothing (see covenant if you have questions), and negative attitudes.

RULES & REGULATIONS

Please go over this list of rules and 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 all those present with our group, adult leaders, and youth, are considered event participants and agree to abide by these rules and 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 Quake staff 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 to 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 a Quake Administrator or the front desk for assistance.
- We understand 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 (unless we are with an adult leader and quiet) during the listed curfew time.
- 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, the Quake Administrator will have the final say.
- We understand by registering for a Life Promotions event, we agree to allow Life Promotions and The Awaken Project (ministry partner of Quake) 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.
- If we choose not to follow these rules and regulations, we understand and accept the consequences decided upon by our adult leaders and/or Quake Administrator.
- We understand 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. Each Quake offers an experiential prayer room for those who would like to spend time in prayer in this way.

QUAKE STAFF

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. 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.

CELEBRATIONS

Celebrations are high-energy, large group gatherings that include 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 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 “Any special room needs?” section or email the Quake Director. We will do our best to provide a room for your use.

WORKSHOPS

Workshop information will be in the program available on your Quake webpage and emailed to the main group leader the 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 specific activities being 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! See the flyer included in this guide or in the promo kit for more details!

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 there is a Variety Show offered at your event. To allow the maximum number of youth participants, we allow one entry per person and ask each act to remain under four minutes. Sign-up slips will be available at the Quake Info Booth. Acts must be approved by the group leader. *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 this 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 guide will be emailed to the group leader after Quake so the discussion and connections which began at Quake can continue.

EVALUATE

We would like to get feedback from you and your youth about what went well at Quake and what we can improve moving forward. Please encourage your group to visit QuakeEvent.com/Survey to give feedback on the weekend. Comment cards are also available onsite at the Quake Info Booth.

QUAKE 2024

Mark your calendar with next year's dates and check QuakeEvent.com for more details starting in late Spring 2023.

VOLUNTEER

Quake would not be possible without volunteers. Contact your Quake Director to find out what opportunities are available.

COVENANTS

QUAKE COVENANT

- We agree 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 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 we and others can encounter Jesus.
- 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

Below are suggested covenant ideas for your group to personalize

- 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 will 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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2 Corinthians 5:17

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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 hearts and minds. This study will help you get ready for the Quake and feel comfortable handling God's Word. This is the first study offered in connection with the Quake you will be attending. The other studies will be during Quake and after you return home from the weekend. Each study includes "Additional Exploration" sections (outlined in an orange box). These optional sections can be used if your group is ready to dive deeper into faith discussions.

TEXT DESIGNATIONS

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Italicized & underlined text indicates a prayer or a Bible verse and may be read by the leader or another participant.

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 a pen/pencil for each person in the group
- Large sheet of paper and marker for the Covenant section
- Additional paper for each person (Additional Exploration)

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

- II Corinthians 5:17
- Revelation 21:5
- Isaiah 43:18-19
- Romans 6:4 (Additional Exploration)
- Psalm 119:105 (Additional Exploration)
- Luke 19:1-10 (Additional Exploration)

PRE-QUAKE BIBLE STUDY

OPENING (5-10 minutes)

Ask someone to open with prayer or they can read the following:

Jesus, Light of the world, we stumble around in the darkness of our fears and shames and hurts. We would see You more clearly. Shine the light of Your Word and wisdom on us that we would more confidently live our lives, offer help and love to others and more boldly share our faith. All this we pray in Your name Jesus, along with the Father and the Holy Spirit. Amen

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

- *What are some of the things that keep you up at night? Do you face your issues alone or do you bring them to Jesus?*
- *To “light a fire under someone” means to motivate them. What areas of your life most need motivation? Why do you feel this way? What would help you?*
- *Why do some people (us?) see Jesus as a last resort to their problems and not a first response? What “fires you up” about Jesus?*

Invite the group to share their answers, as they are comfortable.

EXPANDING OUR UNDERSTANDING (15-20 minutes)

“Re:ignite” is our theme this year, based on II Corinthians 5:17.

Ask the volunteer to read II Corinthians 5:17 aloud. Then discuss the following:

Paul says these words to help everyone see and understand that, though we pushed God away with our sinning, He wants to bring us back to Him, His Kingdom and His family.

- *Why do some people think God would never accept them?*
- *How do the things of our past make us think these things will determine our future?*
- *Do you have memories that fill your mind that you wish weren't there?*
- *What would it mean to you to be made brand new?*

God is about making things new and not just trying to patch up the old.

Ask the volunteer to read Revelation 21:5 aloud. Then discuss the following:

- *What does the word “everything” mean? Why wouldn't this include us and our past sins?*
- *Who is the one sitting on the throne in heaven? What does it mean if one's sitting on a throne?*
- *Does God have both the power AND desire to make us new? How important is this to God?*

- *Jesus paid the penalty of our past on the cross. How often does He offer us new-ness?*

Not looking in the rear-view mirror too much!

Ask the volunteer to read [Isaiah 43:18-19](#). Then discuss the following:

- *How much time do you spend thinking about your past mistakes? When do you do this?*
- *Why is this not always a healthy thing to do? How can you keep from focusing on them?*
- *If Jesus is all-powerful and truly loves us, why would we doubt His wanting to make us new?*
- *What new thing do you want Jesus to do for you? Think big!*

ADDITIONAL EXPLORATION (15-20 minutes)

Ask the volunteer to read [Romans 6:4](#). Then discuss the following:

- *Baptism connects us here and now to what Jesus did a long time ago. Why is it important that we are connected to our substitute who died for us?*
- *Jesus was raised from the dead and if we're connected to Him, then we, too, will rise. Why does Paul tell us this? And notice - we don't just rise, we're made new! Why is this good?*
- *When we get to heaven, do you think we will look like we do now?*
- *Elsewhere, Paul says we will have completed bodies. What age do you think we will be when we get to heaven?*

Ask the volunteer to read [Psalm 119: 105](#). Distribute a piece of paper to each person in the group. Then discuss the following:

- *What do you think God wants us to get out of this verse?*
- *Do you believe this is true? Can you be **Re:Ignited** without using God's Word?*

As I read the following, write down each instance where you will use the Bible to lead you in your life.

Will you use the Bible to lead you in...

- *Competing in sports, band or drama?*
- *Relating with friends?*
- *Dating and relating with boyfriend/girlfriend?*
- *Choosing a career path?*
- *Free time?*
- *Handling conflict and confrontations?*
- *Living as a faith-filled person?*

- *Any other areas of your life not mentioned here? Write them down.*

Allow the group to share as they are comfortable.

Ask the volunteer to read [Luke 19:1-10](#). Then discuss the following:

- *Why did Zacchaeus climb the tree? What was he hoping? Was he a good man?*
- *Why did Jesus go to him and want to hang out with him?*
- *After meeting Jesus, was Zacchaeus a changed man?*
- *Does Jesus want to hang out with you?*

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 TIME (5-10 minutes)

It's been said "Jesus is the changeless Christ who came to cause a change in us." Every person who met Jesus was changed. Many were changed for good. Some were changed into being more self-centered and selfish.

Re:Ignite is our theme, showing Jesus wants to cause a holy and healthy change in us.

- *What would Jesus change about you?*
- *Are you willing to change into what Jesus wants for you?*

Ask a volunteer to close in prayer or read the following:

Powerful and loving Savior, rekindle in us the desire to stoke the flame of our faith from glowing embers to fueled torches. Give light and warmth to our lives as we seek to be more on fire with and for You. Burn off the things that seek to snuff out our joy and faith. All this we pray in Your name, Jesus. Amen

FAMILY TIME GUIDE



2 Corinthians 5:17

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LEADER NOTES

INTRODUCTION

This time spent together – at the close of each day, midday on Saturday and lastly, on 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 reflect on 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 an orange box). These sections are optional and can be used if your group is ready to dive deeper into faith discussions.

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Italicized and underlined text indicates where a prayer or verse may be read by the leader or another participant.

GOALS

- Connect with one another and 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.
- See how God has set us aflame in faith by His Holy Spirit and will now Re:ignite us and help us rejoice in and enjoy the fellowship of believers at this Quake and in our group.

PREPARATION

Supplies:

- Bibles
- Pen and paper for each person in the group

FRIDAY NIGHT

OPENING PRAYER

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

Lord God Almighty, help us catch our breath and calm our spirits now as we reflect on and process the events, the people, the messages and music of this evening. We look to You, our loving Lord, to direct our thoughts, comments and prayers. Be with each of us as we enjoy this time together before we sleep. All this we pray in the name of Jesus. Amen.

PERSONAL REFLECTIONS ON THE DAY AND “HIGHS” AND “LOWS” OF THE DAY

Ask participants to finish the following sentences, allowing time for all to answer:

- *This weekend, I hope...*
- *A thing I'm concerned about this weekend is...*
- *A thing that made me anxious today was...*
- *This weekend, I would be disappointed if...*
- *If I could ask God anything this weekend, I'd ask for...*

Give each person a piece of paper and pen. Ask everyone to draw a horizontal line on their paper with “not excited at all” on the left end of the line and “very excited” on the right end of the line. Mark the middle with a slash. (see example below)

Not excited at all _____|_____ Very Excited

Then ask the following:

- *What's your level of excitement for this weekend? Place a point on the line and explain why you put yourself where you did.*

Ask each participant to answer the following (both youth and adults):

- *My “high” for today was... Why?*
- *My “low” for today was... Why?*

MEDITATION

Our theme this weekend is Re:Ignite, based on 2 Corinthians 5:17.

Ask participants to find the verse in their Bibles and invite a volunteer to read or recite it aloud then share and discuss the following:

- *Most people like to get new things - new gadgets, new clothes, new stuff are the things many strive so hard to get. Jesus offers more. He offers new hopes and dreams, new attitudes, new opportunities, even new life.*
 - *What kinds of “new-ness” do you most want?*
- *Jesus offers for us to be a new “creation”.*
 - *What do you hope that means for you?*

- *How would your life be different than it is if you could start over brand new right now? What would that look like?*

ADDITIONAL EXPLORATION

Illumination

Fire is both useful as well as harmful. It can heat our food, warm our spaces, bring about purification, etc. but it can destroy, injure, char and mar, etc. The Bible talks about the flames of hell. But we're also told in Scripture of God's presence in the flames. As followers of Jesus, we are called to "fight fire with fire." (fight the ravaging fire of evil with the powerful flame of the Holy Spirit)

Ask a volunteer to read Exodus 3:1-6, then discuss the following:

- *What was it about the burning bush that amazed Moses?*
- *Why do you think the bush didn't burn up?*

- *How does God know Moses' name?*
- *Why did God use Moses' name?*
- *Is God familiar with each of us?*
- *What does that mean to you?*

- *God tells Moses to take off his sandals. Why didn't God even want a sliver of leather between Himself and Moses?*
- *What does this say about God wanting to be close to us?*

Ask a volunteer to read Daniel 3:13-27, and then discuss the following:

- *What did Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego refuse to do and why?*
- *How hard is it for you to stand up for your faith?*
- *Have you ever had to?*

- *Why did God allow the three men to be thrown into the furnace?*
- *Could God have prevented that from happening?*
- *What kind of soldiers threw the men into the fire? Notice what happened to them! This was no "tame" blaze!*

- *What happened to Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego after they were thrown into the fire?*
- *What so amazed the king as he looked at them in the fire?*
- *Who was the other person?*
- *How does this speak to the truth that God is with us even in our fiery trials?*
- *Do you believe God is always with you?*

- *Is there a part of your life you wish God would Re:ignite? If so, why?*

CLOSING

Invite everyone to sit comfortably in a circle (or as close as possible). Once everyone is comfortable, ask everyone to close their eyes and picture they are sitting at a campfire then share the following:

Jesus walks up and sits down with you. He says hello to you and calls you by name and then asks you what you saw God do in your life today.

Take a moment of silence to let each person think what they would say. Then close with the following prayer:

Wonderful Savior Jesus, listen to us and our hearts this evening as we share with You our thanks for the things we noticed God did for us today. In our gratitude, draw us closer to You and help us to see the love and grace You pour out to us as evidenced by Your sacrifice on the cross. Give us a good night's rest so we're ready for what You will bring for us tomorrow. All this we pray in Your name Jesus. AMEN

SATURDAY AFTERNOON

OPENING

Ask a volunteer to open in prayer or read the following:

Gracious God, in creating us, You ignited us and wonderfully connected us to You. When we broke that connection in our sin, Your Son wonderfully died and rose for us to Re:Ignite us with Your love and grace. Draw us closer to You this day that we may be fired-up followers of Your Son, Jesus. This we pray in the name of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. Amen.

PERSONAL REFLECTION ON WHERE YOU ARE

Give each person in the group a piece of paper and a pen then share the following:

Make a list of the most Fired-Up followers of Jesus you know. Write down some qualities they show as a Fired-Up follower of Jesus.

Ask volunteers to share what they wrote and why.

On the back of the paper, ask everyone to draw a horizontal line with “not even a spark” on the left end of the line and “raging forest fire” on the right end of the line. Mark the middle with a slash. (see example below)

Not even a spark _____|_____ Raging forest fire

Place a point on the line that shows what level of being fired-up you are in your relationship with Jesus and explain why you put yourself where you did.

MEDITATION

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Ask participants to find the verse in their Bibles. Ask for a volunteer to read or recite it aloud then share and discuss the following:

- *To be “in Christ” means to be a repentant follower of Jesus, trusting in Him alone for life and salvation. Physically we are not made brand new but spiritually and emotionally we can be made new. That means God isn’t erasing the sins from the tablet of our lives, neither is He tearing off the page from the tablet of our lives. Every time we turn back to Jesus, repenting, following after and trusting in Him, we’re made a brand-new tablet!*
 - *What does this mean to you individually?*
 - *As a group?*
- *When God first created things in Genesis 1, what did He use to create things?*
- *Does He need anything now, other than His voice and Word to create new things?*
- *Can we come as we are to Jesus to be a new creation or do we have to do or be something first?*
- *How freeing is this to you?*

ADDITIONAL EXPLORATION

Illumination

Ask a volunteer to read [Acts 2:1-4](#), then discuss the following:

- *On the day of Pentecost, 50 days after Jesus rose from the dead, 10 days after He ascended into heaven, God poured out His Holy Spirit onto the believers of Jesus' death and resurrection. What was the audible sound that something incredible was happening? Interesting that the Hebrew word for wind: "ru-ahk" is the exact same word for Spirit!*
- *Along with the audible sound of the great wind, there was a visual sign of "tongues of fire" on the disciples' heads. God already revealed Himself in fire in the Old Testament with Moses and the burning bush and the Hebrew people were well aware of this.*
- *Why would God use both the wind and fire to show His people that this even was connected to the God they knew since creation?*
- *Some would say these things are just coincidences and not very important. Isn't it harder to think these were coincidences than to see God was working out His plan?*

Exploration

Give each person in the group another piece of paper and ask everyone to list two or three obstacles in their life that are keeping them from experiencing God's presence, power, and peace more fully in their lives right now. Invite them to share these with the group.

Ask a volunteer to read [1 Thessalonians 5:19](#), then share and discuss the following:

- *St. Paul gives a strong directive to not quench or put out the Spirit's fire. Sadly, this can be done in two areas. The first area is in our own lives.*
 - *What behaviors, beliefs, and grudges do you think push the Holy Spirit away from you?*
 - *What helps stoke the fire of the Spirit in your life?*
- *The second area we're cautioned not to quench the Spirit's fire is in other people's lives.*
 - *Which of your behaviors could quench the Spirit for others?*
 - *What words or behaviors will fan the flame for others?*

CLOSING

Invite participants to share their hopes for a closer more intentional relationship with Jesus that is more firing-up and less burning-out. After this brief discussion ask for a volunteer to say a closing prayer or read the following:

Holy Spirit of the Living Christ, fan the flames of faith You have given us, so that the fire in us is more than a warm glow. Rather it is a combustible torch that will give warmth, comfort and fuel to others around us so that they may know You better. This we pray in the name of Jesus. AMEN

SATURDAY NIGHT

OPENING

Ask for a volunteer to open with a prayer reflecting on the evening or read the following:

Dear Heavenly Father, this day has been filled with sights, sounds, experiences, thoughts, and so much more. We thank You for the opportunities to laugh, sing, worship, listen, pray, play, eat, draw close to friends (old and new) and do so much more. You are the God who has ignited us and will Re:ignite us over and over again through the power of Your Spirit. Be with us now as we reflect, reconnect and regroup after this great day. All this we pray in the name of Your Son, our Savior, Jesus. AMEN

PERSONAL REFLECTION ON THE DAY AND “HIGHS” AND “LOWS” OF THE DAY

Share the following and allow time to discuss:

- *Share one thing you know about yourself today that you didn't know yesterday. How did you learn this?*
- *In the songs, messages, activities and the fellowship of friends, God was certainly present. Was there a time or times where you were aware of Him more than usual?*

Ask each participant to answer the following (both youth and adults):

- *My “high” for today was... Why?*
- *My “low” for today was... Why?*

MEDITATION

Ask participants to share theme for this weekend and the theme verse. Can anyone recite it from memory? Then share and discuss the following:

- *There is so much brokenness in this world. The news tells us politics are broken, affordable education is broken, more and more families are broken, opportunities for future success now seem broken, even so many lives are broken. Jesus promises to take us who are broken and makes us new and whole and alive.*
- *Will you trust His promises?*
- *What will help you to keep trusting?*

- *The Quake was meant to be a combination of things: it was meant to be fun, life-affirming, faith building/fortifying, friendship making/solidifying, soul stirring, Bible knowledge increasing, discipleship strengthening and even eye-opening to all Jesus has done, is doing and will do in our lives today.*
- *What new things are you taking with you from this weekend?*
- *Will you share them with others?*

ADDITIONAL EXPLORATION

Illumination

Ask a volunteer to read Exodus 13:17-22, and then share and discuss the following:

- *God never abandons His people. Later, the people will complain that God abandoned them in the Wilderness but this was never true! He was always with them, leading them. During the day He was in a pillar of cloud, at night He was in a pillar of fire. Again, God was in the fire. And notice this: He wasn't just observing His people – He wasn't a causal onlooker, He was leading them every step of the way!*
 - *Does God still go with us and lead us? Are there visible signs we see this is true?*
- *Why would God be interested in leading our lives?*
- *Is He a loving leader or a puppet master who simply wants to toy with us?*
- *Jesus' death on the cross is evidence He has the willingness to always be with us. His rising from the grave shows He has the power to always be with us. How do we best keep from rejecting or neglecting His leadership?*
- *God has shown us that He likes to be seen in fire. Indeed, He can be both comforting and destroying. The closer we are to His fire, the more light and warmth we have for our journeys. What will you do after the Quake to stay close to the fire of God?*

Exploration

Hand out a piece of paper and pen to each person in the group. Ask everyone to draw a vertical line down the center of the page. Then share the following:

On the left side of the line, list healthy ways to stay aflame with God's Spirit.

On the right side of the line, list things in your lives that distract you from tending the flames and may allow faith to die down or even be doused out.

How can we encourage the fanning of the flames and dismiss the dying down or dousing out?

Ask a volunteer to read Luke 24:13-16, 27-32 then share and discuss the following:

- *Jesus walked with these disciples. What did He do as He walked with them? Notice He explained that the Old Testament was about Him too and the promise of salvation.*
- *Did Jesus show Himself best in His Scriptures and in His sharing of Himself in a meal?*
- *What does this mean for us today in our spirituality?*

CLOSING

Invite everyone to sit comfortably in a circle (or as close as possible). Once everyone is comfortable, go around the room and ask each person to share one word that describes what they're thinking or feeling. Ask for a volunteer to close in prayer or read the following:

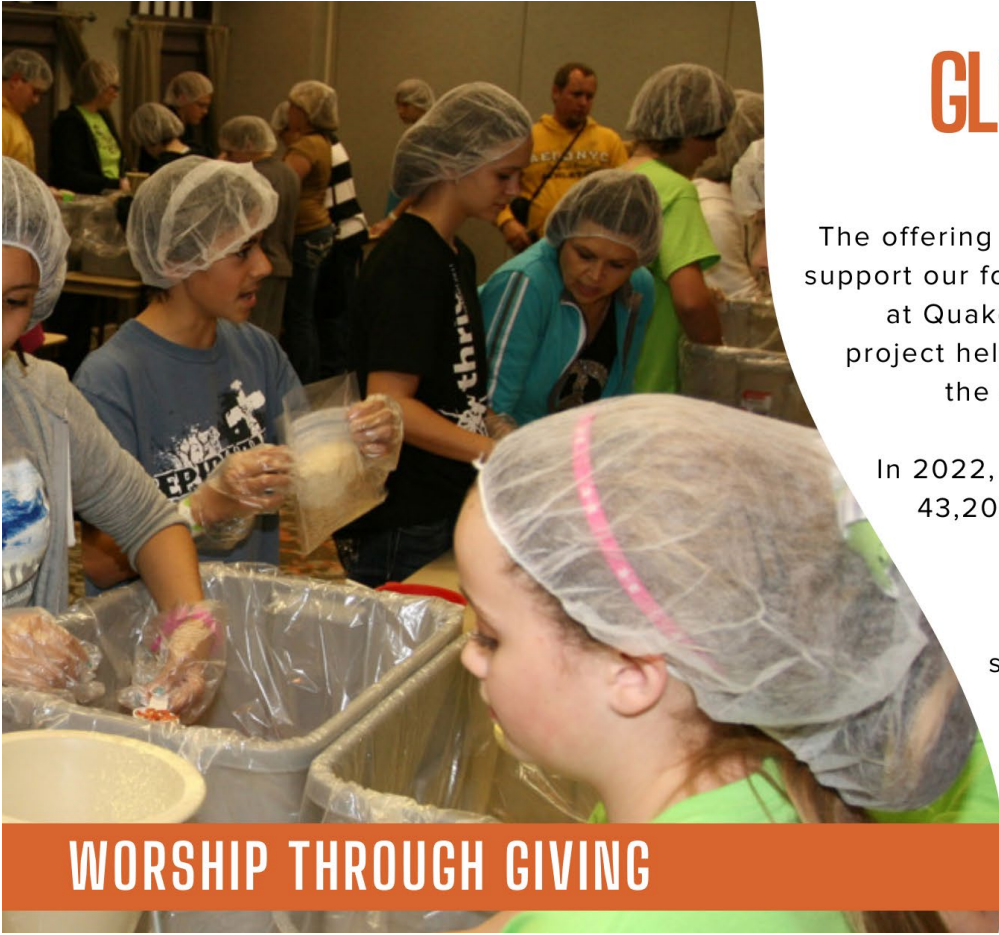
Jesus our Redeemer, You who loved us first and You who love us best, keep the embers of our faith burning brightly. Thank You for bringing us together so we are not simply lone candles in the wind, but together we are a bonfire that gives light, warmth and comfort. Help us to be torches for others as we go back home. This we pray in Your name Jesus. AMEN

SUNDAY MORNING

REFLECTION AND WRAP UP

We hope 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, Re:Ignite, 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 most connected to God this weekend?*
- *When did you feel connected to the community here at Quake 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?*



GLOBAL OFFERING

The offering received Sunday morning will support our food-packaging service project at Quake for Orphan Grain Train. This project helps people in need throughout the country and across the world.

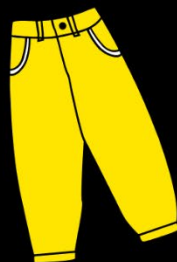
In 2022, Quake participants packaged 43,200 meals. We hope to increase our impact in 2023!

We invite you to join us in sharing faith by serving others and supporting this service project financially.

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