

Your Church Letterhead

YOUR CHURCH ADDRESS AND PHONE NUMBER

Your Pastor's Name

Praise the Lord!

Our committee has chosen a subject for the quarterly *"Questions for Life Series,"* entitled: **"How Do We Heal Church Hurts?"** This discussion will take place on Sunday, April 17, at [Your church name here], during our Sunday evening service. The program will be from 6:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.

We would like to schedule you as one of the panelist on our program. Would you speak for 12 minutes on the topic:

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Please plan to arrive 15 minutes prior to the start of the service for prayer with the other panelists. The session will take place on time with a brief devotion and we will go right into our discussions.

Please contact me directly if you have any questions after you have looked over the enclosed information. You can reach me at 000-000-0000.

Thank you in advance and I look forward to hearing from you soon!

Your Coordinator's Name

Coordinator's Title

[See Enclosed Program]

Panel Discussion

Questions for Life Series:

How Do We Heal Church Hurts?

The date will be Sunday, April 17, 2016, at 6:00 p.m. prompt.

Topics/Panelists:

NEVER OFFENSIVE...IS THAT POSSIBLE?

James 3:2 - For in many things we offend all. If any man offend not in word, the same is a perfect man, and able also to bridle the whole body.

[Topic Leaders Name]

Your focus: To show that all Saints are being perfected, no matter what their position, ability, or age. There will be times of misunderstanding and hurt, but restoration is possible.

DO HURTING PEOPLE HURT PEOPLE?

1 Peter 3:9 - not returning evil for evil, or insult for insult, but giving a blessing instead; for you were called for the very purpose that you might inherit a blessing.

[Topic Leaders Name]

Your focus: To show that hurting people do not have to reciprocate hurt.

I'M HURTING...WHAT DO I DO NOW?

Gen. 50:20 - But as for you, ye thought evil against me; but God meant it unto good, to bring to pass, as it is this day, to save much people alive.

[Topic Leaders Name]

Your focus: To show that God often takes a person's hurt and uses it to eventually help others.

CAN I TRULY FORGIVE?

Matt. 18:35 - So likewise shall my heavenly Father do also unto you, if ye from your hearts forgive not every one his brother their trespasses.

[Topic Leaders Name]

Your focus: To show the comparison of someone's offense toward us in light of our offenses toward God.

DO WOUNDS HEAL?

Jer. 30:17 - For I will restore health to thee, and I will heal thee of thy wounds, saith the LORD; because they called thee an Outcast.

[Topic Leaders Name]

Your focus: To show the importance of spiritual healing that comes from God, outside of whatever healing we think should take place from someone else.

NOTE TO TOPIC LEADERS:

- Study the verses surrounding the scripture you have been given.
- Look at other translations of your scripture.
- Overall, the discussions should be positive.
- The object of the discussions is to help others see that we are all fallible and capable of making mistakes

HOLD A BRIEF QUESTION AND ANSWER
PERIOD AFTER EACH PANELIST HAS SPOKEN

Open the floor for questions. Sometimes the audience is a bit reserved initially when they are asked to pose a question for the panelists. So...here are a couple of questions:

- If a person has been hurt by someone in their assembly, why should they continue with church?
- Give us a flavor for what this verse means: II cor. 2:10-11 - If you forgive anyone, I also forgive him. And if I have forgiven anything, I have forgiven it in the presence of Christ for your sake, in order that Satan should not outwit us. For we are not unaware of his schemes.
- You may want to add your own questions.

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