Stir Up your PURE MINDS



Guidelines to be adhered to by all campers

Name Tags: Name tags are to be always worn to identify you as part of our group, especially in the Dining Room.

Service: Every member is expected to give at least one hour of voluntary service or be willing to take on an assigned duty.

Dress Code: Please remember the chapel we use to worship is our Sanctuary for the weekend. Let us use it in reverence and respect to God. In general, decent and appropriate clothing is required, especially in classes, forums, and services (no shorts).

Women/girls please wear skirts/dresses during classes, forums and services. In the dining room and snack area 'shirts and shoes' are required.

Child Care: Parents and guardians must always assume full responsibility for the children in their care. Do not let your children run about without adult supervision.

Room Assignments: There will be no changing of beds, rooms, or dorms. Furniture is not to be moved out of any room. Dorm rooms are to be kept unlocked.

Photography: Please do not take flashpictures in the chapel during scheduled activities. This is our Sanctuary.

Electronics: No personal audio equipment is allowed, including but not limited to radios, CD players, mp3 players, and televisions. Please refrain from using laser-pointers.

Music: Songs for organized music activities will be selected from the Zion's Harp, any hymnal commonly used in our churches, or will be approved in advance.

Behavior: Behavior consistent with worship, devotion, and fellowship with The Lord is expected at all times. Unacceptable behavior will not be tolerated. The following could result in disciplinary action, including dismissal from the retreat:

- Being on campus grounds unregistered.
- Unregistered overnight guests.
- Daytime guests attending meals without registering.
- Possession and/or use of any type of drugs or alcohol.
- Girls/boys found in the other's living quarters.
- Destruction of any campground property.
- Overnight guests leaving campgrounds during any required activity or after campfire.
- Reports from campground staff, local police, or residents regarding unacceptable behavior or trespassing.
- Disrespect toward counselors, deans, camp staff, ministers, or Elders.
- Unauthorized entrance to "off limit" rooms and/or unauthorized use of sports equipment.

The Elder Committee, comprised of attending Elder Brothers, will have primary oversight of the retreat as a whole with final authority.

Saturday Lesson

"Stirring Up"

Context:

- **Audience:** Fellow believers ("beloved")
- **Timing:** Near the end of Peter's life (AD 65-68)
- Purpose: To awaken their memory and spiritual awareness

What does "stir up" mean?

- "Stir up" (Greek diegeirõ) "to awaken, arouse, excite."
- To cause someone to feel a strong emotion/desire to act, to cause something to happen. Bring something that has settled on the bottom back to the surface.
- Examples:
 - o Romans 13:11 "It is high time to awake out of sleep ... "
 - o 2 Timothy 1:6 "Stir up the gift of God, which is in you"

What are we stirring up?

• Spiritual behavioral growth

- Virtue behavior showing goodness and high moral standard according to God's word
- Knowledge understanding the truths and commandments in God's word
- o **Temperance** self-control and moderation of one's behavior
- Patience endure hardship or suffering, waiting for a promise to be fulfilled
- Godliness devotional attitude towards God, behavior that reflects God's character
- o **Brotherly kindness** compassion and consideration towards others
- o Charity selfless and unconditional love towards others

Why is it essential to stir up our minds?

Christ's second coming

"But, beloved, be not ignorant of this one thing, that one day is with the Lord as a thousand years, and a thousand years as one day. The Lord is not slack concerning his promise, as some men count slackness; but is longsuffering to us-ward, not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance." (2 Pet 3:8-9)

• We forget easily

- o God repeatedly reminds His people to remember His works: "then beware lest thou forget the LORD, which brought thee forth out of the land of Egypt, from the house of bondage." (Deut 6:12)
- O David in one of his psalms writes: "Bless the Lord, 0 my soul, and forget not all his benefits." (Psalm 103:2)

• We could become unfruitful and spiritually blind

o "For if these things be in you, and abound, they make you that ye shall neither be barren nor unfruitful in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ. But he that lacketh these things is blind, and cannot see afar off, and hath forgotten that he was purged from his old sins." (2 Peter 1:8-9)

• We are in a battle

- "For the flesh lusteth against the Spirit, and the Spirit against the flesh: and these are contrary the one to the other: so that ye cannot do the things that ye would. But if ye be led of the Spirit, ye are not under the law." (Galatians 5:17-18)
- o "For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places." (Eph 6:12)

• Because of false teaching

- Gnosticism salvation comes from special hidden spiritual knowledge / Legalism salvation and God's righteousness comes from works/ Antinomianism salvation comes by grace and we are free from obeying any law or command of God / Nicolaitans live a life of unrestrained fleshly indulgences / Sadducees didn't believe in the resurrection or that it's past already
- False teachings today: Legalism (works based) / I'm not a sinner, people are good / Easy Believism (express faith in Jesus without spiritual transformation) / Universalism (all will be saved) / Jesus is not God (trinity) / Prosperity Gospel / War is justified and biblical

• Our mindset affects others (positively or negatively)

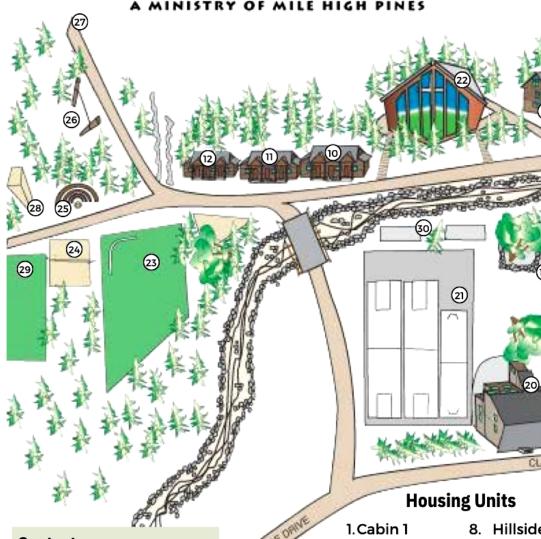
o "...with well doing ye may put to silence the ignorance of foolish men" (1 Pet 2:15)

- o "[That those who obey not the word] may also without the word be won... while they behold your chaste conversation coupled with fear" (1 Pet 3:1-2)
- o "And many shall follow their pernicious ways; by reason of whom the way of truth shall be evil spoken of" (2 Pet 2:2)
- "Your glorying is not good. Know ye not that a little leaven leaveneth the whole lump?" (I Cor 5:6)

Discussion questions

- What distractions or habits tend to lull us into spiritual sleep?
- What helps stir up your mind for God during the week?
- How can we help stir up others' faith without being pushy?





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Sunday Lesson

"Pure Minds"

What is a "pure mind"?

- "Pure" (Greek eilikrines) sincere, uncontaminated, transparent.
- A mind focused on truth, free from deceit and pollution
 - "Finally, brethren, whatsoever things are true, whatsoever things are honest, whatsoever things are just, whatsoever things are pure, whatsoever things are lovely, whatsoever things are of good report; if there be any virtue, and if there be any praise, think on these things" (Philippians 4:8)

Why is a pure mind important?

• God sees and values purity of thought

o "Who shall ascend into the hill of the LORD? or who shall stand in his holy place? He that hath clean hands, and a pure heart; who hath not lifted up his soul unto vanity, nor sworn deceitfully."(Psalm 24:3-4)

• Impacts our actions

- "Keep thy heart with all diligence, for out of it are the issues of life."
 (Prov 4:23)
- o "Even a child is known by his doings, whether his work be pure, and whether it be right." (Prov 20:11)
- Prepares us to recognize false teachings (2 Peter 3)

• Purity fuels intimacy with God

o "Blessed are the pure in heart: for they shall see God" (Matthew 5:8)

How do we stir up our pure minds?

• Through the Word

"Thy word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path." (Psalm 119:105).

• Through teaching and personal study

- o "Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth." (2Tim 2:15)
- o "Moreover, brethren, I declare unto you the gospel which I preached unto you, which also ye have received, and wherein ye stand; By which also ye are saved, if ye keep in memory what I preached unto you..." (1Cor 15:1-2)

Through reminders

- Guard what we take in
 - "I will set no wicked thing before mine eyes..." (Psalm 101:3)
 - "Abstain from all appearance of evil." (1 Thes 5:22)

o Renew our minds and put things to the test

• "And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God." (Romans 12:2)

o Repentance and confession

• "If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness." (1 John 1:9)

Focus on God

- "Set your affection on things above, not on things on the earth." (Col 3:2)
- "I will remember the works of the Lord: surely I will remember thy wonders of old. I will meditate also of all thy work, and talk of thy doings" (Psalm 77:11-12)

Through prayer

o "Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace, whose mind is stayed on thee: because he trusteth in thee." (Isaiah 26:3)

• Through encouragement and fellowship

- o "And let us consider one another to provoke unto love and good works: Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as the manner of some is, but exhorting one another: and so much the more, as ye see the day approaching" (Hebrews 10:24-25).
- o "Iron sharpeneth iron; so a man sharpeneth the countenance of his friend." (Prov 27:17)

Biblical examples of purity in mind

- Joseph in Egypt stayed pure under pressure (Genesis 39).
- Daniel resolved not to defile himself (Daniel 1:8).
- Jesus- sinless mind and motives (Hebrews 4:15).

Discussion questions

- What are some areas where we're tempted to compromise purity?
- What does it look like to pursue purity in a modern world?
- How can a pure mind affect our relationships and ministry?

Weekend Schedule

Saturday and Sunday

<u>Time</u>	Activity	Location	<u>Ages</u>
7:00am -7:30am	Prayer Meeting	Chapel	All
7:35am - 8:05am	Morning Devotion	Chapel	All
8:15am - 9:15am	Breakfast	Dining Room	All
9:20am - 9:35am	General Assembly	Chapel	All
9:40am - 10:25am	Primary Class Secondary Class Teen Class Adult Class	Fireside Clubhouse Redwood Chapel	3-7 8-12 13-19 20+
10:35am - 11:20am	Children's Choir Adult/Teen Forum	Clubhouse Chapel	3-12 13+
11:30am - 12:25pm	Children's Craft Sat: Adult/Teen Choir Sun: Worship Service	Clubhouse Chapel Chapel	3-12 13+ 13+
12:30pm - 1:30pm	Lunch	Dining Room	All
1:30pm - 5:30pm	Free Time		All
5:30pm - 6:30pm	Dinner	Dining Room	All
6:20pm - 7:20pm	Adult/Teen Choir	Chapel	13+
7:30pm - 8:20pm	Story Hour Junior Church Evening Worship Service	Fireside Clubhouse Chapel	3-7 8-12 13+
8:30pm - 9:20pm	Inspiration Time	Chapel	All
9:30pm - 11pm	Sat: Hymnal Singing Sun: Food/Fellowship	Chapel Redwood	All All
11:30pm	Quiet Time	Rooms	All

Monday

<u>Time</u>	<u>Activity</u>	Location	Ages
7:00am -7:30am	Prayer Meeting	Chapel	All
7:30am - 10:00am	Pack/Clean Rooms	Rooms	All
8:15am - 9:15am	Breakfast	Dining Room	All
10:00am - 12:00pm	General Assembly/Choirs	Chapel	All
12:30pm	Leave Retreat	Parking Lot	All

Children's Schedule Saturday and Sunday

<u>Time</u>	<u>Activity</u>	Location	Ages
9:40am	Parents, please drop off your	r children (be p	rompt)
9:40am - 10:25am	Primary Class Secondary Class Teachers take children to che	Fireside Clubhouse oir	3-7 8-12
10:35am - 11:20am	Children's Choir Teachers take children to rec	Clubhouse cess	3-12
11:30am - 12:25pm	Children's Craft	Clubhouse	3-12
12:25pm	Parents, please pick-up your	children (be pr	ompt)
7:30pm	Parents, please drop off your	r children (be p	rompt)
7:30pm - 8:20pm	Story Hour Junior Church	Fireside Clubhouse	3-7 8-12
8:20pm	Parents, please pick-up your	children (be pr	ompt)