

Glorybound 2018

Post-Gathering Family Group Time

The Race - Hebrews 12:1-2



Adult Leaders - Use this Family Group Time soon after you get back to your church and community so memories of Glorybound are fresh in your group's mind.

Intro: As we think back about our time together at Glorybound, it would be good for us to share how we grew as individuals and as a group.

Each person should jot down and then share:

Two experiences at Glorybound that I will especially remember are 1. _____
_____ 2. _____

My most important take away from our experience at Glorybound is _____

One part of my faith that The Holy Spirit grew me in through Glorybound is _____

One new thing I learned about Jesus that is important to me _____

The funniest thing that happened at Glorybound was _____

Prayer: Read Together:

Lord, Heavenly Father, we thank you that we had the chance to go to Glorybound together with hundreds of other youth and leaders. We thank you that You kept our group safe. Thanks for the speakers, musicians and planners who worked hard to create a gathering where we could grow in our faith, have fun and make new friends. Be with us now, helping us to apply what we learned and experienced. In Jesus' name, AMEN

Theme Verses for Glorybound

Read these verses together one more time

Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight, and sin which clings so closely, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus, the founder and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy that was set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God.

Hebrews 12:1-2 (ESV)

Have someone read:

At Glorybound we thought about how others label us and how we label ourselves.

While all labels are not necessarily a bad thing, they can be harmful when we allow them to identify us. At Glorybound we heard that at our baptism, God placed His label on us and it says "My Child". This label is not a visible one, but it can be seen in the way we live. We have been marked by "*Jesus, the founder and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy that was set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God.*" As a child of God, we are called to "*run with endurance the race that is set before us*" as we follow Jesus as His disciples. This is more than merely believing in Jesus, it is following His ways. Following Christ only happens through the power of the Holy Spirit that God has promised us. The Holy Spirit gives us the power to stand firm and run the race God has placed on us for all those around us to see, identifying us as belonging to Him.

Discuss How do you think of yourself somewhat differently as a result of what you learned at Glorybound?

What does it mean to you that Jesus loved you so much that He "endured the cross" and all the shame that went with it in order to save you from sin, death and the devil?

If you were to describe the "race that is set" before you what does it look like on a daily basis? What parts of it do you enjoy "running" and what parts of it do you especially need Jesus' help with?

How are the youth and adults at our church part of your *great cloud of witnesses*? If you were to tell them what encourages you most in running your race as a child of God, what would that look like? What kinds of words or actions do you find encouraging?

Is there anything else anyone in our group would like to share about our experience together?

Pray Together

Thank you Jesus that you are in the race with me. You completed it before me and will get me to the finish line. Please continue perfecting me now as well, so that I run the race faithfully, sharing the joy I have been given with others. Thanks also for the cloud of witnesses in the past and around me right now who encourage and support me. All this I pray in the name of Jesus who has taught us to pray: "Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name...etc.