



Deep Impact – Church Group Devotions

(These devotions are for your church group nightly devotions or you can use your own materials. Adapt to the number of nights you are at Deep Impact.)

Devotion 1 – Preparation

- Read Ephesians 5:8-10 (DI theme verse)
- What fear or reservations are you experiencing now that you have arrived at Deep Impact?
 - What is causing this fear? (*unknown, talking to strangers, sleeping in a different place, away from home, etc.*)
 - Are you afraid of the dark?
- What is darkness? (*absence of light*)
 - What can get rid of the darkness? (*Light!*)
- Who is the Light of the world? (*Jesus*)
- How does knowing Jesus is the Light of the world help you prepare for your first day on mission?

Discuss anything the speaker may have said that needs clarifying or further discussion.

Devotion 2 – You are the light

- Allow your group to share about their experiences on the mission site and share how they were the “light” on mission today.
- Read Matthew 5:14-16 and talk about how we have let our light shine bright today. Would it have been easy to keep our light covered today?
- What were some of the challenging parts of your job today on the mission site?
- In what ways were you able to conquer the fears you were feeling yesterday when you arrived?

Talk about the service tonight and anything that stood out to you.

Devotion 3 – Living as the Light

- Give time for your group to share about their day.
 - Is it getting easier (or harder) to live as the light while serving others?
- Read Matthew 25:40
 - From this verse, who was Jesus referring to as “the least of these”? (*“I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in, I needed clothes and you clothed me, I was sick and you looked after me, I was in prison and you came to visit me.”*)
 - What did you do today for “one of the least of these”?
- As you serve others, what is God showing you about yourself?

What was the focus of the service tonight? Share something you learned tonight/today.

Devotion 4 – Pleasing the Lord

- Where did you see God working today on your mission site? How did you recognize God working?
- Read Ephesians 5:1-2
 - What are we to do to live a life pleasing to the Lord? (*be imitators of God*)
- Give an example of how you feel you were pleasing the Lord today on site or during free-time at camp?
- What is one thing you have done or heard this week that you think you could do at home that would be pleasing to God?

What was your favorite thing about worship tonight? Why?

Devotion 5 – Growing in the Light

- What was your best experience on today's mission assignment?
 - What experience this week led to YOU growing in Christ?
- How do you think you have grown as the light of Jesus this week?
 - Do you think others have seen the "light" in you? Why or why not?
 - Have you had incidents where you realize you could have done better being "Christ-like"?
- Read Philippians 2:1-5
 - What did you learn this week about yourself and your ability to serve others?
 - Is putting others before yourself difficult? Why or why not?

Share how you will take what you have heard, seen, and experienced during Deep Impact to your home, school and community. How will you make a difference?