Deep Impact – 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 – God’s Grace

- Read Titus 2:11-14 (DI theme verse)
- How is God’s grace different from what the world teaches us about “earning” our way?
- How is grace compared to a give-receive relationship?
- How does understanding the grace of God help you prepare for your first day on mission?

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

Devotion 2 – Saying “No” to what?

- Allow your group to share about their experiences on the mission site and share how they may have resisted temptation while on mission today. (whether in the physical sense or in their mind … example would be slacking off and not doing what they were assigned to do)
- Read James 1:13-15 – How do we resist giving into temptation?
- What were some of the challenging parts of your job today on the mission site?
- What have you said “NO” to today?

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

Devotion 3 – The grace of God teaches us to say “No”

- Give time for your group to share about their day.
  - Is it getting easier (or harder) to resist temptation while serving others?
- Read Psalm 37:24
  - According to this verse, how is it possible to go on after we fall?
- Read 1 Corinthians 10:13
  - How did God help you resist temptation today?
- 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 – The grace of God teaches up to live self-controlled, upright and godly lives

- Where did you see God working today on your mission site? How did you recognize God working?
- Read 1 Peter 1:5-7
  - What have you “added” to your life this week that is helping you become more Christlike? (example have you added goodness to your faith?)
• 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 – The grace of God teaches us to wait for Jesus

• What was your best experience on today’s mission assignment?
  o What experience this week led to YOU growing in Christ?
• How do you think you have grown in patience this week?
  o Do you think others have seen you demonstrate patience? Why or why not?
  o Tell of a time this week you had to “wait” for something? What was your response?
• Read Ecclesiastes 3:1
  o What did you learn this week about yourself and the importance of everything being done in its time?
  o What does this have to do with waiting for Jesus?

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?