

Senior Transition Seminar

Introduction

The highlight of this series is not the Bible studies themselves. It is getting together in a safe place to talk about fears and dreams with people who are in the same stage of life with similar hopes and concerns. Gathering helpful information and scriptural foundations is extremely important, but it comes alive in a community discussing it together. Sharing a meal together is important. Plan for 2½ hours together for each session, beginning with dinner together. (Please check the last page of this guide for more leader/facilitator tips.)

Tips for Facilitators and Leaders

Getting Started

- Plan for 2½ hours together for each session, beginning with dinner together.
- Meet monthly over the course of the spring semester. This allows students to stay in their regular Bible study group without being overwhelmed.
- Invite those who will be graduating in May and in the following December.

Before You Meet

- You will need to purchase copies of *Tyranny of the Urgent* to add to the materials.
- Feel free to add additional content as you wish on each topic, but beware of piling on too much at this point in students' academic and ministry journey.
- Consider bringing in outside experts to present things such as gifting, interviewing, writing resumes, budgeting, etc.

Meeting Together

- If necessary, divide into smaller groups for the Bible study discussion portion. The Bible studies are designed to give them a scriptural foundation for each topic. They are not designed for depth (as there will be people at all places in their walks with Christ in this group).
- The journal questions at the end of each session are an important part of building Biblical convictions. They are designed to be answered at the end of each session while the group is still together.

Other Materials

Other resources from The Navigators' *God's Calling and Your Vocation* series:

- *A Biblical Perspective on Calling, Vocation and Work* by Ronni Bernardy, Dean Storelli and John Teten
- *Nehemiah: When God's Call Comes Calling at Work* by Wayne Kuna
- *Daniel: Thriving at Work as an Exile* by Ralph Ennis

Tips for doing this during covid-19 lockdown:

- 1) *Meet over zoom and use breakout rooms to have small group discussions.*
- 2) *Include a link for them to purchase the e-version of tyranny of the urgent.*
- 3) *Have people journal responses and call someone to share.*
- 4) *Send a small gift to each senior to purchase a "treat" to share together.*
- 5) *Use the modular approach to allow for flexibility in what you complete. Be sure to use the "final applications and accountability" document at the last seminar/meeting you hold.*