AGENDA FOR WEEK 14 CELEBRATION SESSION

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Your leadership team should consider planning a 14th weekly session to hold what we call a Celebration Session. There are two primary reasons we recommend doing so:

- Brings groups back together after being separated by gender for the "Dating & Single Sexuality" session
- Provides a capstone for the entire Single & Parenting experience

Here are planning guidelines that will help you create a memorable and special event:

- Provide an opportunity for each participant and leader to sign up to bring something small (your menu can consist of beverages, finger foods, desserts, a full meal or a combination). An option could be for your church or Single & Parenting leaders to provide the beverages and paper products (cups, plates, napkins, utensils) and your participants to bring the food. You could even consider catering this special evening if it's in the budget.
- Have the room looking nice and some music playing. This will give an air of celebration for the event. Enjoy a time of food and fellowship (30 minutes).
- Invite interested group members to give a short testimony (two to three minutes each) on how Single & Parenting has helped them. An optional activity would be to facilitate an icebreaker that provides a time of "one-sentence-only" testimonies from participants on what they got out of the last 13 weeks. Enlist one or two of your leaders to prepare to give a personal testimony (two to three minutes) of their journey through single parenting and how God has ministered to them during that season of life. Participants will feel freer to share their own stories if someone else has already shared. Another option would be to have each participant complete the two following sentences:

  The most meaningful thing about Single & Parenting for me was ...

  The most important step I took as a result of Single & Parenting was ...

- Encourage group members to complete the Participant Feedback Form, which can be downloaded from the LeaderZone Library, and the Thank You Card from the back of the workbook (to hand to your pastor) and return to you the same night. We recommend you hand out the form and ask them to complete the form right there on the spot to give back to you.
- Acknowledge your leadership team and applaud their service. Thank your participants for attending and for being part of the journey.

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- Acknowledge each participant by giving some creative gift or memorable item that is low cost (booklets, decorative item or something positive for participants to remember their 13-week journey). Certificates are available to download in the LeaderZone Library. Having complimentary Bibles to give out is a nice touch. Also, consider giving out door prizes!
- Provide each participant with a few brochures that have your next class dates already noted, inviting them to attend again and to bring another single parent with them.
- Encourage them to attend a local Bible-believing church, and invite them to your church.
- Close with prayer.

OPTION: You might consider planning a potluck family dinner, picnic or some fun activity for the end of your 13-week cycle. You can include the children and invite other single parents (friends of the participants) to come meet group members and leaders. It's a great way to end on a high note.