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**Week of February 12, 2017**  
**Bay Park Life Groups – Participant’s Guide**

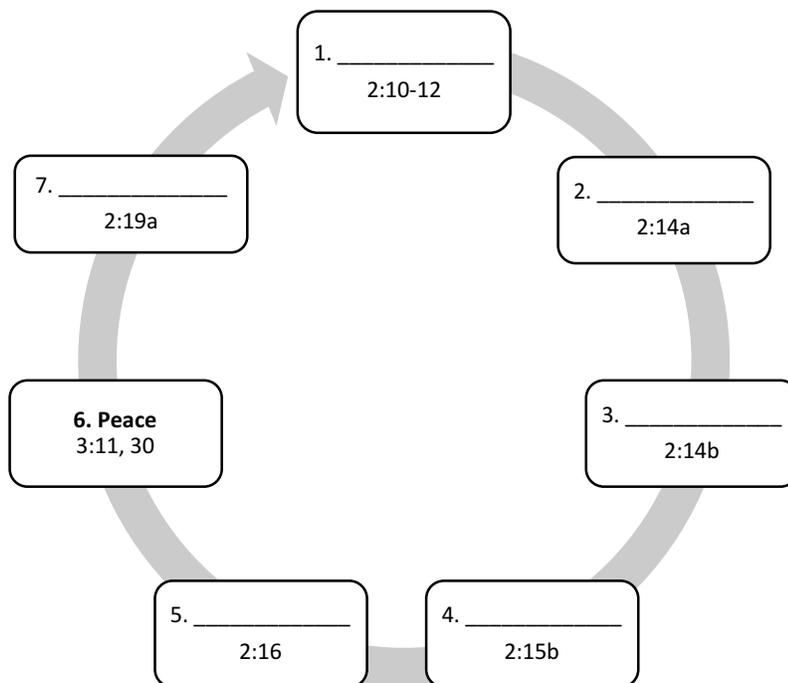
For many, heading to post-secondary isn't just a test of their academic abilities but of their ability to survive on their own. In the first weeks, or even days, of arriving on campus, it is clear which students' parents have prepared them to live independently and which ones haven't. Even simple tasks like cooking, cleaning, and doing laundry need to be taught. Likewise, setting the foundation for spiritual growth and development – having a strong devotional routine, a consistent prayer life, living with integrity and resisting temptation – all start in the home. Judges 2:6-3:6 gives us a glimpse into what happens when one generation fails to properly instruct the next generation.

**Read Judges 2:6-10**

1. These verses serve as a flashback to when Joshua was still leading the Israelites. It didn't take long for the Israelites to turn away from solely worshipping God. Why do you think they followed God while Joshua and the elders were alive, but then turned away after they died?
2. Compare Judges 2:7 with 2:10-11. Within a generation, Israel had gone from being people who "served the Lord" to people who "served the Baals". There is no automatic passing of faith from one generation to the next, from parents to children. Read Deuteronomy 6:4-9, 20-25. What do we need to do to pass our faith on to the next generation?

**Read Judges 2:10-21**

3. Verses 10-21 illustrate a cycle that the Israelites found themselves in. This cycle repeats itself a few times in Judges. Sum up each phase in a few words (see example in phase 6).



**Read Judges 2:20-3:6**

4. According to this section, what are two reasons God did not drive out Israel's enemies? Compare this passage with Hebrews 12:6-11. Share a time in your life where "unpleasant discipline" eventually led to something more fruitful.
  
5. The Israelites' failure, as a group, to take all of Canaan resulted from their failure, as individuals, to give God exclusive lordship over their whole lives. A good way to determine if Christ is Lord of an area of your life is to ask two questions: a) am I willing to do whatever God says about this area? b) am I willing to accept whatever God sends in this area? Reflect and share about some areas in your life where you are not passing these tests. What is truly controlling you in that area?