



Stewardship of Talents



SHARE

your highs and lows

Break into pairs.
Listen carefully and record your partner's thoughts in the space provided. Then return to small group and share your friend's highs and lows.

MY HIGH THIS WEEK

MY LOW THIS WEEK

MY FRIEND'S HIGH THIS WEEK

MY FRIEND'S LOW THIS WEEK



READ

and highlight the theme verse in your Bible

"You are the salt of the earth; you are the light of the world. A city built on a hill cannot be hid. In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven."

Matthew 5:13a, 14, 16



TALK

about how the Bible reading might relate to your highs and lows

Choose from the options below to enrich your Talk Time. Invite group members to take turns leading one or more of the following:

IMAGES

1. Choose either the cover photo, cartoon or painting by Dr. He Qi (back page).
2. Where are you in this work of art?
3. How might the art and the theme verse relate to each other?
4. How might the art relate to your highs and lows?

ROLE PLAY

Assign roles and take turns acting out the following:

1. A neighbor child is sitting on their steps looking sad. You approach and ask what's wrong. "I'm no good at anything!" they answer. What do you say?
2. A friend brags all the time about how good they are at skateboarding, computer games, and playing the drums. They aren't all that good. You suspect the reason for their bragging is really insecurity. How do you help them?

TALENT REPORT CARD

Grade yourself from 1 - 10 on how well you have shared your talents and gifts this week. (10 = high, 1 = low). Use the report card below based on Romans 12.

Helpfulness	_____
Encouragement	_____
Leadership	_____
Cheerfulness	_____
Love	_____
Respect	_____
Patience	_____
Prayerfulness	_____
Kindness	_____
Hospitality	_____
Peacefulness	_____
Tolerance	_____
Humility	_____

1. What were your highest three areas on the Talent Report Card?
2. What were your three lowest areas on the Talent Report Card?
3. What three areas will you concentrate on this week?

QUOTATIONS

Choose a quotation (right column) and share your thoughts and questions about it.

The real fear is not death- it is fear of wasting life.

Anonymous

*Hide not your talents;
For use they were made;
What's a sundial in
the shade!*

Benjamin Franklin

In the Parable of the Talents, the servant who is punished is the one who will not try.

William Barclay

Some people give time, some money, some their skills and connections, some literally give their life's blood... but everyone has something to give.

Barbara Bush

My coaching philosophy? Determine your player's talents and give them every weapon to get the most from those talents.

Don Shula



Write a definition...

TALENTS

STEWARDSHIP

SALT OF THE EARTH

LIGHT OF THE WORLD

GOOD WORKS



Angels Singing by Dr. He Qi (www.heqigallery.com)



PRAY
for one another's
highs and lows

Gather in a circle. Praise and thank God for your highs. Ask the Holy Spirit to be with you in your lows. Pray for your friend's highs and lows and for your world. Close in Jesus' name.

Prayers for Highs

Prayers for Lows



BLESS
one another

Trace the sign of the cross on one another's foreheads or palms.

**REMEMBER
1 THING**

Each one of us is on this earth with God-given abilities to serve God and each other in some way.

