

# Ideas for History Giving

## Great Ideas for the first week of History giving

- Have each person share 3 things that have made them who they are today. The things could be something unique about their family or upbringing, or it could be events that happened that were defining for them. Also, ask everyone to answer the question, “When did God become more than a word to you, if he has?”
- Take 2 weeks to give histories. First week, have them talk about who they are and some of their experiences that molded them, but have them leave out their spiritual history. Week two, have them share their spiritual journey.
- Have each person draw a picture that represents them: interests, dreams, family, passions. Then have each person in the group explain their picture.
- Each person draw a graph of their life, with a line down the middle of the page showing the median. Anything that is plotted above the line was positive or a good experience for them; anything below was negative. Give each person a chance to explain the significant events: limit the number of events to four or 5 per person, depending on the number in your group.

## Ideas for your first “unofficial” meeting to get everyone started

- Tell one thing about yourself that no one else in the group knows about, having each person write it down and giving them all to one person. That person reads them off and people vote who they think the person actually is. Tell three things about yourself, include one lie – others in the group need to guess the lie.
- Each person take a handful m&m’s from a bowl. Then go around and each person has to share something about themselves depending on the color of the m&ms: blue - a favorite; red - a pet peeve; brown - something about their family; etc.
- Write the following on small strips of paper, put them in a cup and have each person pull one out and answer the question about themselves.
  - Tell an embarrassing moment.
  - Tell your first kiss story.
  - Tell about a time you got in trouble at school.
  - Explain the story about a scar that you have.
  - Tell a favorite high school memory.
  - Tell a family trip story.
  - Tell a story about a time that you were sick at school.
  - Tell a strange or unique habit about yourself.
- Have people tell the group what 3 items they would take with them if their house was burning down. Then have them explain why. This will show you what each person really holds dear.