

FINISHING LIFE  
TOGETHER!

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## PK GATHERING 2006

A MAN OF MANY COMPANIONS MAY COME TO RUIN, BUT THERE IS A FRIEND WHO STICKS CLOSER THAN A BROTHER. PROVERBS 18:24

DEAR FRIENDS,

I hope that you are looking forward to our annual gathering at PK. This year promises to be yet another great time of sharing our stories and celebrating our God-given relationships with one another. In this packet you will find some prep material for this year.

Please use the following to assist you in capturing your life and sharing it with us. It is simply a tool offered as an option.

The schedule begins with golf at The Cliffs Resort at noon. Pemberton promises to bring his "Colorado Game," which I assume has something to do with his "high altitude scores." Following the game, we will meet back at the Cepica Condo for dinner and begin our time together.

Let me encourage each of you to pray diligently and specifically for each person in the weeks prior to our time together. Considering the major life events each of us has faced this year, (John-empty nest, Pemberton-new addition/church plant, Kidd-career/family decisions, Kaigler-church life/Trisha, David-marriage, Todd-fork of no return) we should consider very purposefully how God would have us live in this new chapter He has written for our lives.

Let's commit to share things that have drawn us closer to our Father. Let's be honest about stumbling blocks and the sin that so easily entangles us in our race for His glory. Let's expect, even ask God to use us as tools to speak into each other's life.

May we avoid a personal introspection that results in a life strategy which we use to navigate our life. Instead, may we humbly submit our hearts to God, let Him do the inspection and breathe His life-giving breath into our sails, moving us in the direction He would desire for us to go.

PREP MATERIAL

HIGHLIGHTS

SURVEYS

### ACTS 17: 24-28

*The God who made the world and all things in it, since He is Lord of heaven and earth, does not dwell in temples made with hands; neither is He served by human hands, as though He needed anything, since He Himself gives to all life and breath and all things; and He made from one, every nation of mankind to live on all the face of the earth, having determined their appointed times, and the boundaries of their habitation, that they should see God if perhaps they might grope for Him and find Him, though He is not far from each one of us; for in Him we live and move and exist...*

## 2005 HIGHLIGHTS

**Instead of a monthly record of events, simply reflect on your journal and answer these questions:**

1. This year, what has God used to draw me to Himself? (events, people, God's word, etc.)
2. This year, what has the enemy used to distract or disqualify me?

## SPOUSE AND KID SURVEY

**Here are the fundamentals:**

1. Get the surveys to them at least a few days in advance.
2. Read these surveys prior to the retreat and use them when considering the questions from the 2005 Highlights section above.

## SELF SURVEY

The following are some questions that I am using this year to guide my thoughts and reflections. For each question, I am asking myself to explain the answer.

## As A Man

1. Am I being a good steward of the body gave me?
2. Am I nurturing my most important relationships?
3. Am I being a good steward of resources God has given me?

### As a Christian

1. Am I experiencing enough worship of my God?
2. Am I telling my story how Jesus Christ changed my life to enough people?
3. Am I experiencing true community with other Christians on a regular basis?

walk humbly

do justly

love mercy

### What is The Author writing about you in this chapter of your life?

Take time to write this one out. Put it in first person as a letter from God. Share this during our time.

## **WIFE SURVEY FOR PK RETREAT**

Dear Spouse,

Thank you for being a part of this special retreat for over a decade. Please take some time and share your thoughts to the following questions. Be sure to give this to your spouse as soon as possible.

If someone were to ask you, "Describe your current marriage relationship." What would you say and why?

What have been the biggest changes you have seen in your husband's life over the last year?

What are you most proud of about your husband and what are you most excited about?

What are the top three things your husband has done "right" or done "well" this past year?

What have been some of your thoughts about the health of your family and your marriage?

What are 3 romantic dates you would enjoy in 2006 with your husband? What about the all time "big trip?"

What changes are you trying to make about yourself this next year and how can your husband help you?

## KID SURVEY FOR PK RETREAT

Dear Son/Daughter,

Your dad is going to spend 24 hours with some of his friends that he has been hangin' out with for over a 10 years. It is a time of fun, friendship, and reflection. Your answers to the following questions are going to be very helpful. Please give this to your dad when you're finished. Thanks.

What have been some of the best times you have had with your dad this past year?

What are the best things about your dad?

If you had to give him some advice on being a better dad, what would it be and why?

What are some things that you would like to talk with your dad about and why?

What are three things about your dad that he is really good at?

What are some of your fears that you would like your dad to pray for you about?

What is something really cool that you would like to do with your dad? What about a trip?

What has been your biggest failure this year? What has been your biggest success this year?