

## Lent is Trending - Lent 2018

### Theme

- Ashes are being tagged on foreheads
- We share what it means to be tagged by God
- Tweet/hashtag-ready encouragements for the Lenten journey
- Daily devotional reflections (with a focus on the book of Philippians)

### Lenten Challenge

- Take on the discipline (faith habit) of daily devotions using *Lent is Trending*
- Read, reflect and pray daily
- Circle, highlight and/or underline key words, phrases and/or Bible verses
- Share a phrase, Bible verse, photo and/or hashtag on your social media channels
- If you aren't on social media share with a friend or your family what you've highlighted.

### Time-frame

- Ash Wednesday (Feb. 14) – March 21
- 6:05 – Opening worship with Holy Commotion
  - The “prayer song” will be sung in the round, circling the Celtic cross
  - Immediately after the prayer song we will all sit in silence for 1 minute, reflecting on the cross
  - A Student Leader will share First Word with a hashtag/thought from Lent is Trending
  - Brief announcements
- 6:20pm - Small groups
- 6:55pm – Transition into worship
- 7pm – Worship (Living Faith) #LivingFaith
- 8pm – Head home

### Small Group Time

- Share highs and lows
- As a group reflect on the daily devotions from the previous week. Share what words and phrases each person highlighted, underlined and/or shared on social media.
- Each week Martin or Paul will provide 3 or 4 questions (we will email them to you on Thursdays) that you could use for group discussion.
  - Please split the discussion questions between Guides and Student Leaders
- *Take one group photo with a summary hashtag and share on social media (Please include #LivingFaith)*
- Close in pray



## February 14 – Ash Wednesday

### Large Group:

- Intro to 1 minute of silent reflection after the prayer song
- Intro to Lent and Lent is Trending
- #ashtag #ashwednesday
- Introduce the weekly group summary photo with #\_\_\_\_\_

### Small Group:

- Highs and lows
- Encourage everyone to:
  - put dates on each of the devo pages
  - put their names on the front of the devo
  - bring their Lent is Trending booklet each week
- Read and reflect on the Ash Wednesday devotion:
  - Ask students to silently read the devotion and highlight/underline key words and phrases
  - Invite students to share what they underlined/highlighted and why
- Discussion points:
  - Why remember that we are dust and to dust we shall return?
  - How does remembering our mortality impact our living?
  - What words, phrases and/or hashtags will you share today? Why?
  - Ask students to think about and share when/where they will do their daily devotion
- Select a hashtag or two, write it on a piece of paper, and take your group photo with the hashtag, and then share it on social media (or email a copy to Martin)
- When you close in prayer, pray for the strength and discipline to read the devotions daily