

INTRODUCTORY MEETING OUTLINE INTRODUCTION & ORIENTATION

1. Introductions

If you haven't already, take a few minutes to briefly introduce yourselves to one another. Share briefly about:

- Your life, work, hobbies.
- Your conversation to Christ
- Your family
- Your child(ren)
- How you came to find Team Avalanche
- Diagnosis and current prayer items.

2. Discussion:

- What has been especially meaningful or helpful to you from your reading the book "God Heals Birth Defects"? From the D.H.T.?

- How are you applying these things to your lives already?

- Did you watch the introductory video? What did you understand about the focus of this mentoring class and the reasons for it?

- Review the structure of each the mentoring sessions by reading through the next page together.

***** Meeting Structure *****

1) **Look Back-** You'll share highlights and challenges.

You'll answer "How did you see Jesus at work during the past week? What did you experience as you did your assignment?"

2) **Lesson:**

A. **Video Discussion.** You'll watch the video for each lesson as preparation for the meeting with your mentoring group.

For example, before next week, you'll watch Video Lesson 1 in preparation for your meeting.

The video discussion will focus on two basic questions:

- 1) What? (What were the main points of what was taught) and
- 2) So what? (What difference does this make)

B. **Interactive Bible Lesson.** You will work through an interactive Bible lesson. You will either 1) do this ahead of the meeting and go over the lesson together (recommended), or 2) do the lesson during the group together. Either way, your mentor will not be "teaching". They are a facilitator and a guide. You will be learning by looking at the Scriptures together. Your mentor will help you assimilate each lesson.

3) **Activation, Assignment & Prayer:**

You will have activities and assignments to help you put the lessons into practice and make them part of your lifestyle.

You will also begin the practice praying for other children, and others will be praying for your child.

3) For Next Week:

- Watch Video Lesson 1 (approximately 1 hour) and take notes on the video lesson.
- Decide when your next TA Mentoring Group meeting will take place.
- Decide whether you will do the Bible study a) together in your mentoring meeting, or b) on your own prior to your mentoring meeting and discuss it when you get together.

4)Prayer

- A. Each person should pick someone else's child for prayer. Pray for the children and their parents. Pray during the group. This will also be your prayer assignment for this week. Take time as a group to pray.
- B. Pray each day for the child you selected as your prayer assignment every day this week as if they were your own child. Someone else will be praying for your child as well.

