

### **AFFIRMATION OF GROWTH (15 MINUTES)**

- **Check in:** Let each person share how their challenge went this week and one thing that God has taught them in facing it.
- **Pray:** Pray specifically for both those who struggled with the challenge and those who met their goal. Ask God to reveal truth and continue the work he began in each person. Each person can offer a simple one sentence prayer. “Lord, I surrender \_\_\_\_\_ to you.”

### **BIBLE DISCOVERY (35-45 MINUTES)**

- **Big Idea (Watch Video):** All of God’s people are designed for faithful service.
- **Bible Passage:** Numbers 4:1-20 & 3:29-32, 3:25-26 & 4:21-28, 3:33-37 & 4:29-33.
- **Discussion Questions:**
  1. What role were the Kohathites responsible to fill (3:29-32)?
    - Why must Eleazer the priest (and his descendants) oversee the Kohathites (4:15-20)?
    - How does that apply to the church, its pastors, and its lay leaders?
  2. What were the responsibilities of the Gershsonites (4:21-28) and the Merarrians (4:29-33)? How is this like some responsibilities in church?
  3. Why do you think God wants lay people to participate in the ministry?
    - What are some important ministry roles that can be done by lay people?
  4. How has God shaped each of you for ministry and service in the church?
    - Can you identify your spiritual gifts, your abilities, and/or your talents?
    - What experiences or training have you had that could help in ministry?
    - What are you passionate about that the church must do to accomplish its mission?

### **CHALLENGE FOR LIFE (10 MINUTES)**

- **One Change:** Has this passage revealed a point of growth or a needed change? Is there something you must voice in order to better obey God? Remember to be specific about your action as you seek to respond to God in humility and obedience. If you accept the memorization challenge, learn the first verse this week of **Numbers 4:24-27**
- **Narrow it down to an “I will” statement:** I will \_\_\_\_\_
- **Closing Prayer:** Pray for each member to do their challenge in the coming week. Pray for **Eggspllosion & Easter Sunday**—that people far from God will come and be saved.