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Dear Senior,

So, you have made it to the apex...the pinnacle...the top tier called 12<sup>th</sup> grade - your senior year.

This is a very exciting time for you, but I think you would all agree that it is an equally uncertain and even frightening time too. So many unknowns: you might be leaving to go to college, you might be sticking around to work for a year, you might be planning to get a job and start working. Whatever the plan or the path you are choosing, the truth is that you are embarking on an enormous change in your life and it is going to be filled with questions, problems, challenges, and difficulties. The prospect of this change in your life is exciting, but if you are completely honest and transparent in this, you are probably a little (if not a lot) scared of the future. What happens when I move out? What am I going to do? Am I making the right choices and how will they impact my future? Have I chosen the right college and major? Will I be able to find the right job? I could go on and on with questions that may plague you and perhaps keep you awake at night. Know that you are not alone. The fact is, most high school seniors are asking these questions and many, many more.

This year, Paradox Student Ministry is working to come along side you as you prepare for this transition in your life. We understand that it is a very uncertain time filled with challenges and we'd like to offer you some help! This year, we are beginning something that we call the "Senior Round Table" (SRT). The purpose of SRT is the help prepare you for this transition in your life. We will do this by giving you resources to learn, time to share and discuss, and help in establishing a plan and Godly priorities for the future in all areas of life. In simple terms, we will start meeting a couple times a month to discuss issues that are unique to you and this imminent life change. You will learn a Biblical perspective on personal growth in change, life transitions, boundaries, principles for decision-making and so much more. The focus will be on a community of high school senior's talking, praying, supporting each other during this important time in your life.

So, here is the deal. Beginning February 19<sup>th</sup>, we will meet *every other* Sunday evening at my house for a couple of hours. If you decide to participate, the commitment is simply this:

- you will commit to being at most of the meetings;
- you will commit to being prepared by reading or preparing as prescribed (it's not going to be a huge deal, however you will have homework to prepare for our discussions);
- and you will commit to pray for and with each other.

After our meetings are over at the end of May, we will take a couple days to go up to the mountains with all of those who participate and commit to being a part of the SRT. The expense of the retreat is included in the price of being a part of the SRT. The price is very simple: It will require some of your time, a servant's heart, and \$25. By the way, the \$25 will cover EVERYTHING including the retreat.

This is a great opportunity for you as an individual and for us as a community to learn and grow together. If you are interested, please contact me to sign up soon, as I need to order materials, books, and reserve the retreat site.

I'm really looking forward to this, and believe that God wants to use our time together for His glory and for preparing you to be an effective disciple in this time of transition. Prayerfully consider your participation and come with an open heart to what God may speak to you through this group!

In His grip,

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*REGISTER TODAY! Simply email me to tell me that you are going to participate*



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