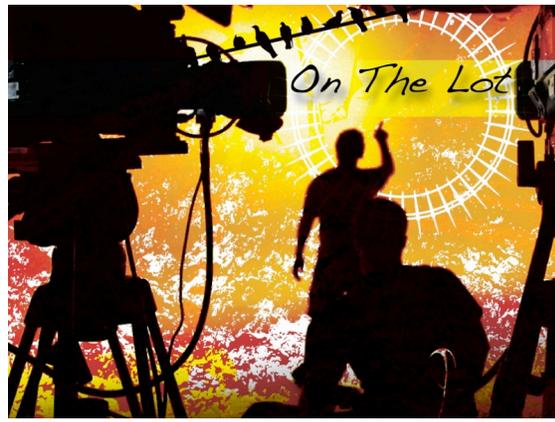


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## LEADER PREP

### GOAL OF SMALL GROUP

For students to positively embrace the fact that the Bible can show up how we can start living and looking more like Jesus.

### SCRIPTURE

Hebrews 4:12 & James 1:23-24

### THINGS TO KNOW

The average church-going family attends church once every 2-3 weeks. That means some of your students were not here when we started our reading plan last week. Be aware of this but don't shrink from pushing the reading plan for this week. Encourage any students who weren't here last week to read 2 chapters a day until they catch up. Remind them Bible chapters are WAY shorter than most chapters of books they read for school, being an average of 1-2 pages long. **THEY CAN DO IT!** Talk as a group about ways to encourage each other in reaching your goal of reading Matthew together.

### LEADER CHALLENGE

To be a key influence in the lives of your students means more than just showing up on Sunday. Find a way to reach out to your students and show them love and encouragement outside of Sunday this week.

IDEA: Since we are talking about selfies, take a selfie with your group this week, print it and mail it to your students with an encouraging note.

*This guide is a suggestion, not a formula. Adjust the questions and activities as needed, and don't feel like you need to do, or ask, everything you see here. Let the students and the Holy Spirit guide the conversation, too.*

## CONVERSATION GUIDE

### MAIN POINT

**Reading the Bible can help us see ourselves clearer.**

### GET THEM TALKING

Do you love or hate selfies? Why?

### DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

**READ HEBREWS 4:12 and answer the following questions:**

1. Is God saying our Bibles are going to magically turn into swords and start fighting us? What do you think He is saying here?
2. Why is it important to be self-aware?
3. What truths in the Bible can you think of that can expose people's inner thoughts and desires?

**READ JAMES 1:23-24 and answer the following questions:**

4. In your own words, how is reading the Bible like looking in the mirror?
5. What is something you've learned about yourself by reading, or hearing, the Bible?
6. What are things we can do to not "forget our reflection" or not forget what God's word has shown us about ourselves?

### NEXT STEP

Pass out the Matthew reading schedule and ask about how it went for those who started last week. Invite new students to read the Bible every day this week with your group. If someone is behind or just starting, encourage them to read 2 chapters a day until they catch up. Remind them the chapters are short, and they can do it!

### PRAYER GUIDE

Ask your students to share their prayers requests and close your time together in prayer.

## SCRIPTURE

MS students are concrete thinkers, so opening your Bible to read the Scripture with them is a preferred visual cue.

### HEBREWS 4:12

For the word of God is alive and powerful. It is sharper than the sharpest two-edged sword, cutting between soul and spirit, between joint and marrow. It exposes our innermost thoughts and desires.

### JAMES 1:23-24

For if you listen to the word and don't obey, it is like glancing at your face in a mirror. <sup>24</sup>You see yourself, walk away, and forget what you look like.