



Gameplan: Wk 2/4
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God's gameplan for us is to share His goodness by loving and serving others.

LEADER PREP

GOAL OF SMALL GROUP

To encourage students to open their eyes to the needs around them and to go one step further to meet those needs.

SCRIPTURE

Luke 10:33-37

THINK ABOUT THIS

Don't be discouraged if your students struggle a little with this week's discussion. In middle school, students are figuring out a lot about themselves; like who they are, what they believe, who their friends are, and what interests them. So of course they live in "me" bubbles most of the time! This phase actually requires them to be inward-focused, and that's not a bad thing. But living in "me" bubbles can make it hard for middle schoolers to think about people other than themselves. And they can have difficulty not only recognizing the needs of others, but also stepping out and meeting those needs.

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

Love goes one step further.

GET THEM TALKING

What is the funniest thing you've seen happen to someone because they were looking at their phone while walking?

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. What are some ways that middle schoolers live in "me" bubbles every day?
2. What's one way you can break out of the "me" bubble?
3. What's one reason it's difficult to think about the needs of others before our own needs?
4. Have you ever witnessed someone go one step further for someone else? Share about it!

READ LUKE 10:33-37 and answer the following questions:

1. Why do you think Jesus called us to show love to all people in all circumstances?
2. Why is it easier to show love to people who are exactly like you?
3. Why can it be difficult to show love to people who are different than you?

ACTIVITY

On sticky notes, write down some of the needs your students see in various places like their school, friend groups, church, community, state, country, or even world. Place the notes in a column on the left side of the floor or wall in the area where your Small Group meets. Then, on another set of sticky notes, write down ways in which those needs could be met. Post these in a column on the right side of the wall or floor so that students can see the need and how it might be met side by side.

Note: Remember that the goal is to simply get students thinking about both the needs they may see around them and the variety of ways those needs could be met. They won't actually have to do all of the things they suggest to meet the needs, so encourage them to think creatively and talk about all of the options!

NEXT STEP

This week, what's one thing you can do to go one step further to serve or love someone in your life?

PRAYER GUIDE

Ask students to share their prayer requests. 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.

Luke 10:33-37 (NLT)

³³“Then a despised Samaritan came along, and when he saw the man, he felt compassion for him. ³⁴Going over to him, the Samaritan soothed his wounds with olive oil and wine and bandaged them. Then he put the man on his own donkey and took him to an inn, where he took care of him. ³⁵The next day he handed the innkeeper two silver coins, telling him, ‘Take care of this man. If his bill runs higher than this, I’ll pay you the next time I’m here.’

³⁶“Now which of these three would you say was a neighbor to the man who was attacked by bandits?” Jesus asked. ³⁷The man replied, “The one who showed him mercy.” Then Jesus said, “Yes, now go and do the same.”