

Gameplan: Wk 3/4
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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 help students recognize God's love for everyone and how to use that as inspiration to meet the needs around them.

SCRIPTURE

Isaiah 1:17

THINK ABOUT THIS

Not only does this week further explain God's game plan, it also calls students to be a part of His plan by loving and serving others. But sometimes serving feels like an item on a checklist for a lot of Christians (possibly even for you as a Small Group Leader!). It's difficult to get students to care about something that feels like a chore to them. Keep in mind as you lead the conversation this week that although all your middle schoolers may not be excited about the idea of meeting the needs they see around them, you're planting seeds of service that will develop and mature along with their faith as they grow up.

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 inspires us to act.

GET THEM TALKING

What's your least favorite household chore?

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

I hate doing some of those chores, too! And it's really not fun when I have a checklist of chores I need to take care of.

1. On a scale of 1-10, how do you feel about checklists?
2. On a scale of 1-10, how do you feel about serving?
3. What's one thing about following God that feels like an item on a checklist?

READ ISAIAH 1:17 and answer the following questions:

4. Why is it important for people who follow God to care about the things He cares about?
5. How do you think God feels when we care about the people and things He cares about?
6. Why do you think God invites us to be part of caring for people in need rather than fixing their situation on His own?
7. What's one thing in your life that might get in the way of acting when you see a need?

NEXT STEP

What's one thing you could do to care about what God cares about and serve those He wants you to serve this week?

PRAYER GUIDE

Ask your students what prayer requests they have 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.

ISAIAH 1:17 (NLT)

Learn to do good.

Seek justice.

Help the oppressed.

Defend the cause of orphans.

Fight for the rights of widows.