



WEEK 4 LEADER PREP

This is our final week in our Squad Goals series and this week we want to expand the focus from talking about our friends to our Christian community. Whether we realize it or not, we are all looking for a community to belong. At HSM, we want to be a community where all students feel “I BELONG HERE.”

Before you meet with your group, pray for them to continue growing into a strong community that loves each other and encourages each other to grow in a relationship with Jesus. Are there cliques or divides in your small group? If so, have a heart to heart with your group about becoming more united as one small group.

WEEK 4 OVERVIEW

THE MAIN POINT

We are made to be in community and Christian communities should run by God’s playbook.

THE BIBLE

Acts 2:42-47

DISCUSSION GUIDE

This guide is a suggestion. Adjust the questions and activities as needed to fit your group.

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.

GET THEM TALKING

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TOPIC QUESTIONS

What is a playbook? How does a team use one to work together?

What are some examples of a good community?

What are some examples of a bad community?

What do you think makes a good small group?

READ [ACTS 2:42-47](#) and answer the following questions:

1. What different things did the first believers do to build community? (BONUS IDEA: Get some post-it notes and markers and have students write down their answers and place them on a wall or floor where everyone can visually see the answers.)
2. ALL THOSE ANSWERS SHOW US THE EARLY CHURCHES FIRST PLAYBOOK FOR THEIR COMMUNITY. Are we doing any of these things already? (If students say yes, affirm your group and celebrate what they are doing well).
3. What are some things we can do together as a small group to make up our playbook to love each other? (BONUS IDEA: Keep with the post-its, maybe add in a new color.)
4. What are some things we can do together as a small group to add to our playbook to encourage each other to grow closer to Jesus? (BONUS IDEA: Keep with the post-its, maybe add in a new color.)

NEXT STEP

"Do not merely listen to the word, and so deceive yourselves. Do what it says." – James 1:22

WE WANT EVERYONE TO FEEL WELCOME AND BE REAL HERE. THAT IS REAL COMMUNITY WITH UNCONDITIONAL LOVE. Have your group pick out TWO SPECIFIC THINGS you can do as a group to love each other and/or encourage each other to grow closer to Jesus.

PRAYER GUIDE

Divide up your students into groups of 3 (or 4 if you have an odd number). Encourage them to pair up with people in the group they don't know that well, so they can get to know each other better. Encourage one person in the group to share their prayer requests, then right after that have the others say a prayer for that person. Continue until everyone has shared and had their group pray for them. It's helpful to say things like, "I'm giving you 10 minutes to do this." And then watch the clock and say, "You have five minutes left." And when time is out, have one person pray for the whole group.