

You Belong Here: Season 2 Wk 3/4: THEY Belong Here September 5 & 6, 2020

LEADER PREP

GOAL OF SMALL GROUP

To motivate students to taking action steps to GO and SHARE Jesus' love with those outside the church.

SCRIPTURE Romans 8:37 & 10:13-15

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

Let's love people where <u>THEY</u> are.

GET THEM TALKING

If you could pick between either free Oreos, free Doritos, or free Skittles for life, what would you pick?

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

READ ROMANS <u>10:13-15</u> and answer the following questions:

- 1. WHO is Jesus' salvation for, just church-goers?
- 2. HOW can others hear about Jesus' love for them?
- 3. On a scale of 1-10, how comfortable do you feel inviting friends who don't go to church to MSM?
- 4. On a scale of 1-10, how comfortable do you feel about sharing with others how you feel about Jesus?
- 5. On a scale of 1-10, how comfortable do you feel about sharing with others what Jesus has done for them?
- 6. What fears hold you back from inviting or sharing Jesus with others you know don't go to church?
- 7. Who can share a story about sharing Jesus with others? What did you do and how did that go?

READ <u>*Romans* 8:37</u> and answer the following questions:

- 8. What does this verse say we are given through Jesus?
- 9. How can we trust Jesus to be with us when we share about others Him?
- 10. WHO in your life can you share Jesus' love with that doesn't already know or understand Jesus' love?

NEXT STEP

Have each of your students share what level they will commit to this week:

Level 1: Do something KIND for ONE PERSON and PRAY for them every day this week.

Level 2: INVITE them to church/MSM to sit with you/your family. Level 3: TELL them how you feel about Jesus and what Jesus has done to save them

Level 4: Do all 3 for 3 different people!

PRAYER GUIDE

Ask your students what prayer requests they have and close your time together in prayer. Pray God will give you BOLDNESS and FAVOR as you take action steps to share His love with others!

SCRIPTURE

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

ROMANS 10:13-15 (NLT)

¹³ For "Everyone who calls on the name of the LORD will be saved." ¹⁴ But how can they call on Him to save them unless they believe in Him? And how can they believe in Him if they have never heard about Him? And how can they hear about Him unless someone tells them? ¹⁵ And how will anyone go and tell them without being sent? That is why the Scriptures say, "How beautiful are the feet of messengers who bring good news!"

ROMANS 8:37 (NLT)

³⁷No, despite all these things, overwhelming victory is ours through Christ, who loved us.