



Monologues
Week 2/4: My Story Is Not _____.
September 26 & 27, 2020



LEADER PREP

GOAL OF SMALL GROUP

To guide students towards grace and mercy--not perfection and 'fixing ourselves'. Jesus died for us. Period.

SCRIPTURE

HEBREWS 7:26-27

THINK ABOUT THIS

Most of us know what Jesus did for us on the cross, but not many of us know WHY--like, how the sacrificial system ends THOUSANDS of years of trying to make ourselves right before God. What the cross does is take the pressure off of ourselves, and gives us freedom and grace.

THINGS TO KNOW

You are awesome!

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

Your past is NOT the whole story.

GET THEM TALKING

What is a silly but dumb mistake that you have made in the past? (make sure they know it's not serious... but silly)

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. Do you tend to focus on your faults or successes more?
2. Do other people focus on your faults or successes more? Why do you think this is?

READ HEBREWS 7:26-27 and answer the following questions

3. Why did the Israelites make sacrifices in the Old Testament?
4. Why was a one-time sacrifice from Jesus enough for us?
5. Do you really believe that Jesus is enough? [emphasize that it is okay to express doubts.. This is a safe place]
6. What is one thing keeping YOU from placing your faith in Jesus?
7. For those of you who are on the fence, or who didn't want to make that decision in the large group, you have an opportunity here with your friends to say "I want to follow Jesus." Lead your students to close their eyes and raise hands if that is for them.

NEXT STEP

Give them a connect card to fill out about salvation.

PRAYER GUIDE

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 7:26-27

“²⁶ Such a high priest truly meets our need—one who is holy, blameless, pure, set apart from sinners, exalted above the heavens. ²⁷ Unlike the other high priests, he does not need to offer sacrifices day after day, first for his own sins, and then for the sins of the people. He sacrificed for their sins once for all when He offered Himself.”