



Bad Advice
Wk #2 - You Only Live Once
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LEADER PREP

GOAL OF SMALL GROUP

God has spoken to us, in His Word, the truth that life is most meaningful when we live for eternity, not just the moment. The goal today is to inspire students to trade now-thinking for the adventure of eternal-thinking.

SCRIPTURE

1 John 2:15-17

THINK ABOUT THIS

Instant messages, instant coffee, instant pots – our society likes instant. Add to the mix that a middle schooler's brain is still developing and they aren't fully forward-thinkers yet, and the odds are not in our students' favor when it comes to having an eternal perspective. Living life with an eternal perspective may be a real mind-opening concept for your students. **At first, this perspective change may seem limiting because future-thinking may ask us to say "no" to something now, but inspire your students to see the adventurous and amazing side of eternal-thinking.** We play a part in eternity, God gives our lives purpose, and when we live with eternal-thinking we don't get tripped up over little things because we are freely running after bigger, better, and eternal things! It's like trading a plain rock for a piece of gold; Living with an eternal-perspective can make a huge difference in our lives AND drive us to be difference makers!

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

As Christians, we are called to live for eternity, not just for the moment.

GET THEM TALKING

1. What do you think Heaven is going to be like?
2. If you could go into the future to find out one major detail about your life, what would it be?

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

3. Was there anything from today's lesson that stood out to you?

READ 1 John 2:15-17 and answer the following questions:

4. What are some of the things the world offers that have the potential to distract us from our relationships with God?
5. Do you think a relationship with God is the most important thing?
6. If so, why do you think it's so hard at times to grow in that relationship?
7. The things we're talking about aren't just true for us, but they are true for our friends too. Do you have any friends who need to know this truth?
8. How do you plan on sharing it with them?

NEXT STEP

Take 2 minutes a day to pray and ask God for wisdom, and then as you go through your day, CHOOSE to live the way He teaches you to.

PRAYER GUIDE

Dear God, we all ask for wisdom. We want to be the type of people you designed us to be. Please help us build our foundation on you and not the bad advice that the world has to offer. In Jesus' name, Amen.

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.

1 John 2:15-17

“Do not love this world nor the things it offers you, for when you love the world, you do not have the love of the Father in you. ¹⁶ For the world offers only a craving for physical pleasure, a craving for everything we see, and pride in our achievements and possessions. These are not from the Father, but are from this world. ¹⁷ And this world is fading away, along with everything that people crave. But anyone who does what pleases God will live forever.”