HIGH SCHOOL MINISTRY

# FLIPPED TEACHING GUIDE

## WEEK 3

**MAIN SCRIPTURES:**
Mark 10:17-22 NIV

**MAIN POINT:**
Jesus is the greatest thing we could ever run after.

**JESUS CONNECTION:** The world tells you to run after your fame. Jesus says to run after Him.

## THE WHAT

*WHAT are we talking about and WHY does it matter to me? (2-4 min)*

### ME

- Anyone watch the Olympics lately? What's your favorite sport to watch?
- *Speaker Note: Share a personal story about watching or being inspired by the Olympics.*
- Whether you are big into sports and Olympics or not, you've seen glimpses of the dedication with which top athletes, like the Olympians, push themselves. Out of the 6.5 billion people in the world, there is nobody better at their sport than those who win gold medals.
- Even though they already have an incredible natural ability, they wake up and live and breathe training for their sport. They want to be the best in the world, and they pursue it with all they are until they become it.

### WE

- Build an emotional common ground with your audience- build as many bridges emotionally as possible. Like me, you may not be an Olympic gold medal winner, but I bet you have your own dreams of pursuing something that matters, or finding the thing you are meant to pursue.
- You want to do something, or maybe become someone, important. You want to find something that makes a difference.
- And something I want to ask you is: What matters most to you? Fame? Wealth? Status? Riches? Power? Love?
- And ask yourself: why does it matter so much to me?

### TRANSITION

- The world tells us to pursue our fame – our branding – our status.
- There was a guy in Jesus' day who thought he had it all. He was already rich, powerful and respected. He was important.
- On top of that, he was known for being a really good guy. He had everything most of us want to get. But he was missing something.

## NOTES

## SO WHAT

*So WHAT does this mean for my faith and life with God? (6-8 min)*

### GOD

- **READ MARK 10:17-22.**
- Let's unpack something first that might be confusing. "Isn't Jesus God?" You might think after Jesus' comment, and I would say to that: AMAZING CATCH! You see, this guy saw Jesus as a teacher – but he had trouble seeing Jesus as good.
- If Jesus is a good teacher, then we can follow some of His sayings and feel good about it; we can ignore the ones we don't like.
- If Jesus is God – that is a whole other level. if we claim Him as our God, that requires following Him, and all His ways, with our lives.

### JESUS CONNECTION

- God created you to be in relationship with Him, but sin broke that relationship before we were ever born.
- Sin is what drives us from not wanting to fully give our lives to God sometimes and holds back from following God 100%. But I promise you making that decision is 1000% worth it.
- God sent Jesus to die on the cross to rescue us from our sin and death; we are not saved by doing good things but by having faith in Jesus Christ.
- This is the foundation of our faith. You can make this decision today! Talk to your small group leader about it.

### GOD CONTINUED

- Back to the verse in Mark. This guy was pursuing his fame, his reputation, his desire to be a good guy, when he wanted to, the way he wanted too.
- You see the problem is pursuing fame, wealth, and worldly status and validation – those things will eventually let us down.
- **The world tells you to run after your fame. Jesus says run after Him.**
- And Jesus laid it out like it is: let go of what is holding you back from fully following Me.
- Jesus is pointing us towards pursuing the greatest thing we could ever pursue that will never let us down: Himself.
- **Jesus is the greatest thing we could ever run after.**

### TRANSITION

- So what do you want to run after?

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## NOW WHAT

*NOW that I know, HOW can I live this out? (2-4 min)*

### YOU

- The fact is we become like what we are pursuing. Pursue money and you become greedy. Pursue Jesus and you become more loving.
- Now I'm not saying you can't pursue sports, good grades, a good career, being a good person. Those are good things to go after – but what I'm saying is they shouldn't be your first priority. Your first priority should be running after Jesus.

### WE

- Remember, we are here to be real with one another, encourage one another, and go after Jesus together.
- We don't have to run after Jesus alone – we can do it together.
- And when we mess up? We can encourage one another to accept Jesus' forgivenesss, pick ourselves up, and go after Him again.

### PRAY

- Close your time together in prayer.

## NOTES