



YOU BELONG HERE DISCUSSION GUIDE WEEK 1



MAIN SCRIPTURES:

Zephaniah 3:17
Jeremiah 31:3

MAIN POINT:

- (1) You matter to God.
- (2) You belong here.

JESUS CONNECTION:

Jesus loves you and wants to be in a personal relationship with you.

LEADER CORNER

GOAL OF SMALL GROUP

For students to realize what God says about them is more important than what others say about them.

THINK ABOUT THIS

High school can be a tough phase – especially in regards to caring what others think. And now because of phones and social media, teens can be criticized, bullied, or even just feel left out all the time. Our students need to know they are worth way more than however many likes they get on their posts. Whether they are trending on social media or in the halls of their high school, they are worth so much that the God of the Universe sent His son to die to rescue them. HSM isn't meant to be another high school clique, we are meant to be a place where every high school student belongs. To do that, it's important for us to love students where they are and encourage them to grow in their relationship with Jesus.

HOW TO USE THIS GUIDE

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

GET THEM TALKING

What is one positive thing that a parent, teacher, or coach has said about you? (ENCOURAGE EVERY STUDENT TO ANSWER).

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. Who are different groups of people whose opinions of us can matter to us? (*Leaders, write each down on a post-it note*). Lead your students to include the below groups: friends, parents, God.
2. Let's arrange the post-it notes in order of whose opinion everyone thinks is most important.
3. Which post-it should be the MOST important opinion to us? Why?
4. Who is next? Why? Etc.

READ Zephaniah 3:17 and Jeremiah 31:3.

Answer the following questions together:

5. How is God's love for us described?
6. When we are hurt or worried about what others have said (or might say) about us, how can we rely on what God says about us?
7. How can we make HSM a place where everyone knows they matter to God and they belong here?

NEXT STEP

Take home the list of YOU MATTER TO GOD Bible verses and put it somewhere you will see it often to remind yourself of what God says about you. For an extra challenge, pick a verse and memorize it.

PRAYER GUIDE

Ask your students to share their prayer requests and close your time together in prayer.

MAIN SCRIPTURES

Zephaniah 3:17 NLT

“For the LORD your God is living among you.
He is a mighty savior.
He will take delight in you with gladness.
With his love, he will calm all your fears.
He will rejoice over you with joyful songs.”

Jeremiah 31:3 NLT

“Long ago the LORD said to Israel:
“I have loved you, my people, with an everlasting love.
With unfailing love I have drawn you to myself.”

BONUS LEADER RESOURCE

MORE YOU MATTER TO GOD: BIBLE VERSES

- [John 3:16](#)
- [Exodus 14:14](#)
- [Romans 5:8](#)
- [Ephesians 2:10](#)
- [Psalm 139: 13-18](#)