

## LEADER PREP

### MAIN POINT

Listening to God helps us know Him better.

### SCRIPTURE

Psalm 1:1-3 NIV

### GOAL OF SMALL GROUP

To help students see how reading the Bible can help them listen to and learn more about God.

### THINK ABOUT THIS

Middle schoolers tend to think in concrete terms. That can make something like listening to God a difficult thing to grasp, especially if they don't experience God speaking audibly to them. So thinking about how to listen to His voice may be challenging to your students. As you point them to the Bible as a concrete way to connect with and listen to God, remember that reading the Bible can be intimidating to some of your students....so do this together! Continue the devotional plan for this series as a way to listen to and learn about God together as a group.

## DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

### THE CHECK IN

- How was everyone's week? Share Highs & Lows.
- Someone recap the main point of the message in your own words.

### THE WORD

- READ Psalm 1:1-3 NIV.
- What is this Bible passage encouraging us to do?
- Why?
- How can reading the Bible help us get to know God better?
- What can be hard or difficult about reading the Bible?
- What's one question you have about reading the Bible?
- What have you found works the best for you when reading the Bible?

### APPLICATION

- Let's continue taking a next step in connecting with God together this week! (Pass out this week's daily devo and/or help students with phones find the plan). Here is a daily devotional we can all take home and spend 5-10 minutes every day reading God's Word. Remember the goal is to make it a habit, so it's not about reading it all at once but reading a little bit every day.

### COMMUNITY BUILD

- How can we encourage each other as we do these devotionals together?
- How can we connect outside of small group time and have fun together?

### PRAY

We are going to close in prayer.

What prayer requests do y'all have?

## **PSALM 1:1-3 NIV**

"Blessed is the one who does not walk in step with the wicked or stand in the way that sinners take or sit in the company of mockers, but whose delight is in the law of the Lord and who meditates on his law day and night. That person is like a tree planted by streams of water, which yields fruit in season and whose leaf does not wither—whatever they do prospers."

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## **NOTES**