



WEEK 3

JAN 29 + FEB 2

LEADER PREP

MAIN POINT

I can like me because God loves me.

SCRIPTURE

Romans 12:2-8 NIV

GOAL OF SMALL GROUP

To help students understand they were uniquely created by God and they are enough exactly as they are.

THINK ABOUT THIS

In this phase, high schoolers are constantly battling with their view of themselves as well as others' view of them. In this week's small group, find ways to show students that their view of themselves can be changed by being reminded of what God's view of them is. Be aware as well that some students may be more open to this than others (particularly younger students).

Check out the backside of this sheet for some leader bonuses!

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

THE CHECK IN

- How was everyone's week? Share Highs & Lows.
- Someone recap the main point of the message.
- When I say God thinks you are enough, what is your first reaction? What makes it difficult to believe? What evidence is there that is true?

THE WORD

- READ Romans 12:2-8. In your own words, what do you think it means to not conform to the world but be transformed by the renewing of your mind?
- Verse 4 says we each are important but different. Verse 6 says we each have different gifts. What are some good things about us being different?
- What can be some challenges about believers having different gifts from each other?

APPLICATION

- What is one way people around you may miss out if you don't choose to be your authentic self and lean into the unique ways you are gifted?
- How could being yourself, or discovering how God has uniquely wired you, lead to liking yourself?
- God gives all believers gifts. Look back at the list, any stand out to you as your gift? It's ok if not, you are learning and growing in who you are. Sometimes discovering our gifts takes time.

COMMUNITY BUILD

- How can this group encourage one another in our different gifts + strengths?
- How can we connect outside of small group time and have fun together?

PRAY

We are going to close in prayer.
Anyone have any prayer requests?

ROMANS 12:2-8 NIV

"**2** Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is—his good, pleasing and perfect will. **3** For by the grace given me I say to every one of you: Do not think of yourself more highly than you ought, but rather think of yourself with sober judgment, in accordance with the faith God has distributed to each of you. **4** For just as each of us has one body with many members, and these members do not all have the same function, **5** so in Christ we, though many, form one body, and each member belongs to all the others. **6** We have different gifts, according to the grace given to each of us. If your gift is prophesying, then prophesy in accordance with your faith; **7** if it is serving, then serve; if it is teaching, then teach; **8** if it is to encourage, then give encouragement; if it is giving, then give generously; if it is to lead, do it diligently; if it is to show mercy, do it cheerfully.

LEADER BONUS 1:

SPIRITUAL GIFT LIST AND TEST

If you or any of your students are curious about exploring your spiritual gifts more, check out this resource by Lifeway:

<https://www.lifeway.com/en/articles/women-leadership-spiritual-gifts-growth-service>

LEADER BONUS 2:

BUILDING RELATIONSHIPS.

Small group leaders, this week, reach out to your students and let them know at least one unique thing that each student brings to the group. Be sure they know that, if they aren't in the group, the entire group misses out on what they bring.

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