



WEEK 2

JAN 23 + 26, 2022

LEADER PREP

MAIN POINT

The more I celebrate others, the more I like me.

SCRIPTURE

1 Samuel 17 + 18 (Saul's jealousy of David)
Proverbs 14:30 NIV

GOAL OF SMALL GROUP

To inspire students to find their worth and identity in God's love for them rather than in comparing ourselves to others.

THINK ABOUT THIS

Leaders, in this phase high schoolers cognitively know what gossip is but may not be able to point it out in the moment. Small Group should be the safest place for conversation and connection to happen. As a Small Group Leader, it's our job to model respectful and life-giving conversation. Which means protecting the group from gossip and harmful joking. Even if it seems like no one is offended. While gossip and joking can be the quickest road to connection, it can erode relationships over time.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

THE CHECK IN

- How was everyone's week? Share Highs & Lows.
- Someone recap the main point of the message.
- How can jealousy affect the way we see or treat others?

THE WORD

- READ 1 Samuel 18:5-9 & Proverbs 14:30.
- How did Saul's jealousy affect him? Affect David?
- In your own words, what do you think "envy rots the bones" means?
- What fuels jealousy in our lives?
- What fuels celebrating others in our lives?
- How would celebrating how God values you and what He has given you change your perspective of yourself?
- How would celebrating others change your perspective of them?

APPLICATION

- What are ways we can celebrate others?
- How can we remind ourselves to see others through God's lens?
- *Experience option on back***

COMMUNITY BUILD

- *Leader Note: Does your group struggle with envy or jealousy with each other? Have a heart to heart about it (possibly on the side if it only affects certain people).*
- 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?

1 SAMUEL 18:5-9 NIV

5 Whatever mission Saul sent him on, David was so successful that Saul gave him a high rank in the army. This pleased all the troops, and Saul's officers as well.

6 When the men were returning home after David had killed the Philistine, the women came out from all the towns of Israel to meet King Saul with singing and dancing, with joyful songs and with timbrels and lyres. **7** As they danced, they sang:

"Saul has slain his thousands, and David his tens of thousands."

8 Saul was very angry; this refrain displeased him greatly. "They have credited David with tens of thousands," he thought, "but me with only thousands. What more can he get but the kingdom?" **9** And from that time on Saul kept a close eye on David."

PROVERBS 14:30 NIV

"A heart at peace gives life to the body, but envy rots the bones."

EXPERIENCE OPTION**

Using small pieces of paper, pens/pencils, and jars (or some sort of container, enough for each student), have your students write down one thing they like about each other. After all the pieces of paper have been collected for each student, place them in a jar (one for each student). Have your students take home the jar, and when they find themselves discouraged, frustrated, or doubting who they are or what they have to celebrate, they can pull out a note to read and be encouraged. Be sure to write some yourself for each student! Student Ministry will provide pens + paper, if you'd like go further with your group please bring supplies.

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