

LEADER PREP

GOAL OF SMALL GROUP

For students to move from “The Un-Plan” to wise preparation of trusting God in chaos.

MAIN POINT

You can't always control the chaos but you can control how you respond.

MAIN SCRIPTURES

Proverbs 21:31 + 28:26

THINK ABOUT THIS

“Whenever teenagers are faced with an opportunity, an invitation, or a desire they will typically pose the question: ‘Is there anything wrong with this?’ Their assumption is that if something is not wrong, then it must be right...But the question they are really asking is this: ‘How close can I get to sin without actually sinning?.... Instead of evaluating opportunities, invitations, and desires by the standard of ‘Is anything wrong with this?’ **[we need to encourage] students to ask a new question...‘Is this the wise thing for me to do?’** - Andy Stanley + Stuart Hall, p. 133 &135, The 7 Checkpoints

This guide is a suggestion, not a formula. Let the students and the Holy Spirit guide the conversation, too.

DISCUSSION GUIDE

GET THEM TALKING

- How was everyone's week? Share Highs & Lows.
- Someone recap the main point of the message in your own words.
- What things cause chaos in your life?
- What does chaos feel like in your life?

INTO THE WORD

READ PROVERBS 21:31 + 28:26 and answer the following questions:

1. How does Proverbs describe people who trust in themselves? Why do you think that is?
2. How can feeling stressed in the middle of chaos lead a person to make unwise choices? Give a real life example.
3. In your own words, what does it mean that “victory rests with the Lord?”
4. Who can share a time where you were in chaos and decided to trust God? What happened?
5. How would you describe “trusting God” in everyday language (not “churchy language”) to someone?
6. In chaos, how can we trust in God and make wise choices?

NEXT STEP

Take a moment to think: what in your life right now is causing stress or chaos?

What is one step you could take in one of these situations to “ready your horse?” (What is your role/responsibility)

How can you pray about what is not in your control and trust that God has the victory?

PRAYER GUIDE

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

MAIN SCRIPTURES

Scripture is provided for convenience, but we prefer you and your students open your Bibles to read the Scripture. This helps your students learn how to find Scripture in their Bibles and where these verses are in the larger context of God's Word.

PROVERBS 21:31 NIV

"The horse is made ready for the day of battle, but victory rests with the Lord."

PROVERBS 28:26 NIV

"Those who trust in themselves are fools, but those who walk in wisdom are kept safe."

LEADER CORNER + NOTES