



SMALL GROUP LEADER GUIDE

STRENGTH IN NUMBERS | WEEK 2

BOTTOM LINE

WISE PEOPLE CAN HELP YOU, SO CHOOSE
TO LEARN FROM THEM.



SCRIPTURE

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GOAL OF SMALL GROUP

To encourage students to invite step-ahead mentors into their lives who can give them guidance, advice, and feedback.

THINK ABOUT THIS

There's been a lot of research lately that seems to indicate something frightening: 40-50% of the students who are currently connected to our church will walk away from their faith after high school graduation. That's pretty scary. But there's another statistic that might be able to give us hope—and challenge us, too. Students who had at least one adult (like you) investing in their lives were far more likely to stay connected to a church after graduation. But the students who were *most* likely to stay connected to a church after graduation were those who had *five or more adults* investing in them. So this week, think about this: How many adults are investing in the faith of each of your few? And how can you increase that number?

SAY THIS

JUST FOR FUN: What's one thing you think you're an expert in?

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

"Of course, we all think we're pretty smart in a lot of ways. So . . ."

- Why do you think it can sometimes be difficult to learn from other people?
- Talk about a time someone older than you gave you advice you didn't want to take.
- Talk about a time someone older than you gave you advice you appreciated.
- Who's one older person you look to for advice? (An uncle? Coach? Teacher? Neighbor?)
- What makes that person a safe person to learn from?
- This week, who's one wise person you can choose to learn from?

TRY THIS

In small group this week, you'll challenge your students to each invite one adult they'd like to learn from to have a conversation with them. To make this happen, give each of your students a card and a pen. Spend some time talking about who your few might want to learn from—maybe it's someone wise, or someone whose faith inspires them, or even someone with a talent or a career that interests them. Help them identify those people, and then spend some time writing them cards together.