

LEADER PREP

GOAL OF SMALL GROUP

To inspire students that sharing God's invite is excitedly worthwhile.

MAIN POINT

Share God's invite with others because you care.

MAIN SCRIPTURES

Romans 10:14, Acts 1:8,
+ John 13:34-35

TIPS FOR GREAT SMALL GROUP LEADING BY SMALL GROUP LEADERS

- Phones: before you start discussion time physically separate phones from students (Ex: everyone, including leaders, put your phone in the middle of the table until after we close in prayer)
- Share stories from your life that students can relate to (model vulnerability)
- Have a Group Message (great way to communicate during the week)
- Listen to your students when they share about their lives and remember what they tell you. Ask them about it later.
- Every now and then make eye contact with each student during discussions.
- Share with parents the positive things you see their kid do or say.

This guide is a suggestion, not a formula. Adjust the questions and activities as needed, and don't feel like you need to do, or ask, everything you see here. Let the students and the Holy Spirit guide the conversation, too.

DISCUSSION GUIDE

GET THEM TALKING

- What's one of the best invitations you've received?
- How was everyone's week? Share Highs & Lows.
- Someone recap the main point of the message in your own words.
- How do you think God feels about your friends who don't know Him?

INTO THE WORD

READ ROMANS 10:14 and JOHN 13:34-35 and answer the following questions:

1. In your own words, why should we share God's invite with others?
2. Who can share some bad ways you've seen others share about God? (maybe in a judgmental or shaming way)
3. Who can share some good ways you've seen others share about God?
4. What are some fears or worries that can hold us back from sharing God's invitation to others?

READ ACTS 1:8 and answer the following questions:

5. How does God describe being His witness in these verses?
6. Have you ever shared about God with anyone else? What was it like?
7. The Holy Spirit Himself is with us, empowering us to share about God – how can this help us overcome our fears of sharing about God?

NEXT STEP

Let's take some time RIGHT NOW to practice.

MIDDLE SCHOOL GROUPS: Someone pretend I'm your friend who has never been to church – invite me to come with you!

HIGH SCHOOL GROUPS: Divide your group into small groups of 2-3 each. Have students rotate pretending they are talking to a friend who has never been to church and sharing about God to them for the first time.

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.

ROMANS 10:14 NLT

But how can they call on him to save them unless they believe in him? And how can they believe in him if they have never heard about him? And how can they hear about him unless someone tells them?

ACTS 1:8 NIV

But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.

JOHN 13:34-35 NIV

³⁴ "A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. ³⁵ By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another"

LEADER CORNER + NOTES