

LEADER PREP

GOAL OF SMALL GROUP

For students to embrace their purpose-driven mission of sharing their faith.

MAIN POINT

You have a mission here and now: Share your story.

MAIN SCRIPTURES

Acts 1:8 + 1 Peter 3:15

THINK ABOUT THIS

Reflection Time: Is it easy or hard for you to share your story with others? How do you push yourself to share your faith with others outside the church?

Prep Time: Think about how you could inspire or equip your students to share their stories out of your life experience. And take some time before the lesson to go through the activity with your story so you can be well prepared to walk your students through the activity during small group time.

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

- How was everyone's week? Share Highs & Lows.
- Has anyone ever "paid it forward" or been unexpectedly generous with you? What happened?
- Someone recap the main point of the message in your own words.

INTO THE WORD

READ ACTS 1:8 and 1 PETER 3:15 and discuss:

1. What is the mission God has given us?
2. How can we live out this mission?
3. What can keep us from living out this mission?

ACTIVITY: DO

(Part 1) One thing that can help empower us to share our stories with those outside the church is to think through and practice sharing our stories in a safe space. Take 5 minutes to do steps 1-3 and let's talk through them. Then discuss: What did you come up with?

(Part 2) Have students pair up and share their story (step 4) with each other. Set a timer and let students know you'll give them 3 minutes for the first person to share, then let them know when you are resetting the timer for the second student to share.

NEXT STEP

Go around your group and have everyone share: Who is someone in your life you can share the hope of Jesus with this week?

PRAYER GUIDE

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

Pray boldly for God to give everyone courage to share their story this week with at least one person outside your small group.

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.

ACTS 1:8 NIV

⁸ 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."

1 PETER 3:15 NIV

"But in your hearts revere Christ as Lord. Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have. But do this with gentleness and respect,"

LEADER CORNER + NOTES