

Week 2 hsm discussion guide



THIS WEEK

BIG IDEA

You need trusted leaders to teach you the way of Jesus.

BIBLE

John 13:12-17; 2 Timothy 2:1-2

ABOUT THIS WEEK

Last week, we talked about what it means to follow Jesus by living the way He lived. This week moves the conversation forward by asking **how we actually learn to live that way**. Scripture makes it clear that discipleship isn't self-guided. God uses faithful, trusted leaders to help shape our faith, reveal blind spots, and model what obedience to Jesus looks like in real life. Growth requires humility, trust, and intentional relationships.

Let's Break the Ice // Discipleship Moment Follow Up :

- Last week, I asked you to make note of 1-3 situations you saw or were in and write down how you think Jesus would handle them. What did you notice this week? What would Jesus have done?
- On to this week, where do you usually go for advice when you're unsure about something?

Bible Study:

- Read Together: As a group, read John 13:12-17 NIV

Discussion Questions:

- Why do you think Jesus chose such a humbling act to teach His disciples about leadership?
- What does this passage reveal about the difference between authority and influence?
- According to Jesus, why are His disciples expected to follow His example—not just His teaching?
- Read **2 Timothy 2:1–2**. What stands out to you about how faith is passed from person to person?
- Why do you think independence can actually slow spiritual growth?

Make it Real:

***Note to the leader:** As you move to this part, remind your students that you're here to help guide them in the way of Jesus, but remind them of the benefit of having a full team around them if possible.

- Who currently has permission to speak into your spiritual life?
 - What makes it hard to trust spiritual leaders or ask for guidance?
 - What is one intentional step you could take to be more open to discipleship?
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Discipleship Moment:

- **Intentional Discipleship Practice:**

Challenge students to **initiate a conversation** this week with a trusted leader (pastor, small group leader, parent, mentor) and ask one of the following:

- "How did you learn to follow Jesus?"
 - "What helped your faith grow the most in high school?"
 - "What's one thing you wish you knew earlier in your faith?"
- Come back next week ready to share who that person is and how they helped you.
 - **Partner Check-In (optional):** Pair students up and have them commit to checking in with their partner either sometime during the week or during your next gathering.

Prayer

Share Requests:

- *Ask for any prayer requests or praises to celebrate together.*

Group Prayer:

- Pray together that God would help each student follow Jesus – not just with their words, but with their actions this week.