

LEADER PREP

BOTTOM LINE:

we are better together!

SCRIPTURES:

Genesis 2:18 / Matt 22:35-40

GOAL OF GROUP:

Helping students understand why our RELATIONSHIPS (life groups) Matter and how my relationship to others is connected to my walk with GOD?

THINK ABOUT THIS:

Most people think of spiritual maturity as how much someone knows about the Bible or how long someone has been a Christian. But, Jesus says we are known to be his disciples by our love for one another! Reading the Bible through the lens of relationships is important because the greatest command is about relationship with God and relationship with others. Even the ten commandments is about relationships! The first 4, about our relationship with God and the last 6 about our relationship with others. All the law is about relationship. Our spiritual maturity is measured by our genuine love for God and other people.

CONVERSATION GUIDE

This guide is a suggestion and not a formula. Adjust questions as needed.

ICEBREAKER

What is your favorite thing to do with your friends and why?

GUIDELINES:

Confidentiality/No Cross Talk/No Rescuing/Use Humor Responsibly/USE "I" Statements /Give Everyone A Chance to Share/ ****NO PHONES DURING GROUP** - Encourage students to bring their Bibles

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

1. What was the first crisis of scripture and what does that say about God's view of relationships?
2. Why did Jesus give two commandments when he was asked for the one greatest commandment? (Matt 22)
3. How does our relationship with other people reveal our relationship with GOD?
4. How can we encourage one another this year and help each other in our walk with God?
5. How can we pray for **YOU** this week?

THIS WEEK:

Wednesday Kick off! Wear your Oneighty Shirt to school and then come that night and get a polaroid for the wall. We'll also have a Soda Bar after sponsored by JOYPOP!

Next Sunday, we'll start a new series around the habits of Jesus!