



SMALL GROUP QUESTIONS

WEEK: 14

GOAL OF TONIGHT

Help students see how God's story intersects with their story and why that matters in their day-to-day life.

WELCOME & ICE BREAKER

It's JERSEY NIGHT!! Let's talk about favorite sports -could be anything! Horse back riding, dance, soccer, table tennis. What do you like best and why?

BIBLE VERSES

Romans 12:2

QUESTIONS TO DISCUSS THE BIBLE VERSES

Tonight we are in the 2nd week of a series here in small group that is all about relationships. Last week we talked about our relationships with our parents and TONIGHT we are going to discuss our relationships with the opposite gender. Let's get going.

Ask these questions:

1. Do you have friends that are both guys and girls? Do you notice differences in those friendships? What differences do you notice?
2. Do you think it's possible to have friends of the opposite gender and not have romantic feelings get in the way? Why or why not?
3. What do you think God would want for us when it comes to our relationships with the opposite gender?

Last week, in large group, Joelle challenged us to embrace the fact that God made us different. And she encouraged us not to copy the way everyone else does things in life. Her whole message was based on Romans 12:2, let's read it together:

Read Romans 12:2

1. When it comes to the opposite gender - what are the normal "behaviors and customs" of middle school students? In other words, what is normal when it comes to talking about the opposite gender or interacting with them?
2. What are some things that we could do differently or better when we relate to the opposite gender?
3. If we behave differently toward the opposite gender than everyone else does, what might happen to us? (good or bad)

LEADER INSIGHT

Leaders- first, you don't have to say, "Opposite gender" throughout this conversation. Just say "guys" or "girls". We had to write it that way, since this guide is for every small group. Secondly, let's try to keep this conversation about how to have healthy FRIENDSHIPS with the opposite gender. We'll be talking about romantic relationships later in February in large group.

APPLICATION SUGGESTIONS

As you close this group time, commit to being respectful of the opposite gender no matter what and pray about it with the students. Try to help them come up with really positive action steps they could take this week to respect guys/girls.