SMALL GROUP QUESTIONS

WEEK: 23

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

What's the best thing someone has every done for you that made you feel extremely loved? Buy something? Say something? Plan a party or something?

BIBLE VERSES

Luke 10:25-37

QUESTIONS TO DISCUSS THE BIBLE VERSES

This week we're continuing our series called, "On The Road." We'll be exploring some major teaching and miracles that Jesus did while he was on the road. Tonight, Andrew Hermann will be teaching on the parable of the Good Samaritan and give students a few practical ways they can make a difference by serving and loving their neighbors.

Read Luke 10:25-37

1. In your opinion, what's the main point of this parable?

2. By Jesus' definition, who is our neighbor? Who are the "neighbors" in your life?

3. What did the first two people do when they saw the man on the side of the road? Do you think that's easy for us to do as well? Why do you think that? What are some reasons we can see someone in need by walk past them without doing anything?

4. Have you ever felt like the man by the road in need and had others see your struggle and ignore you? How did that make you feel?

5. How can we be more "aware" of people in need in our lives? What are some ways we can take the time to help them?

6. All three people were aware that the man needed help, but only one was bold enough to stop and do something. What prevents us from being bold? How can we be more bold and help our "neighbors?"

7. Share a time when someone took time to stop and help you when you needed help? How did that make you feel? How can you obey Jesus and, "Go and do likewise" for someone else this week?

LEADER INSIGHT

All three people were aware that the man needed help. But only one stopped to serve him. The other two had many exuses as to why they wouldn't help - they were "above" him in status, he was unclean, they were in a hurry to do more important things, and they needed to get somewhere in time. In tonight's message, we're going to challenge students to be aware of the "neighbors" in they life who we need to love and serve. And then challenge them to be bold and do something! The action is the most important!

APPLICATION SUGGESTIONS

Be aware of how people are feeling around you this week and take the time to stop and DO something for them! Maybe a word of encouragement, a helping hand with homework, sharing your lunch, giving them a place to sit by you, etc! What ideas do you have?!