

The Guide to the Guide

As we enter into this 2018-2019 school year, we wanted to take a minute to provide the purpose and plan for small group curriculum this year. In years past we have explored different ways of providing curriculum for small groups and this year we will be no exception. Our hope is to provide curriculum that equips you to best lead your groups and provides inspiration for great discussion that will lead to relationships that transform the lives of students.

The Guides

Each week you will have access to a one-page curriculum guide on the volunteer website. These will usually be up several weeks in advance, if you want to prepare ahead. These one-page guides are meant to be just that, guides to your discussion with students.

Here are some key things to know about your weekly small group guides:

- Each week an icebreaker or conversation starter will be provided. Use the one provided for you, or another one that you come up with that best fits your group. The purpose here is to start your time off intentionally building relationships in your group. Have fun!
- The Bible study will almost always correlate with the large group message for that night. We have tried this multiple ways in the past, but our hope this year is to take a deeper dive into what we will be hearing in Large Group.
- The questions for each study are designed to start easy and get more in-depth as they go. Feel free to pick and choose from the questions. Pick the best questions for your group.
- Application suggestions will be given each week, but you know your group best. Feel free to come up with creative application ideas that your group will be willing/able to do throughout the week. If you need help with this find some time to brainstorm with your Team Lead or other small group leaders.
- Lastly, since every week counts during the course of our ministry year, it is so important that we strive to maintain unity in what we are offering our students on a Wednesday night. The purpose for that is so they are able to leave with one clear message about Jesus. That is why our small groups will exclusively be using the GZ and Rev small group curriculum. Thank you for your help in this.

The Goal

The goal of the small group curriculum is to help guide both your relational connection to the students AND their connection to God and His Word. We want them to gain understanding of how to read the Bible and apply it to their lives. This will be a slow, but steady process throughout the year – so enjoy each baby step your students take toward knowing each other and Jesus better through these guides. We are praying for you and cheering you on as you lead your groups this year!