



# SMALL GROUP LEADER GUIDE

Deep / Week 3

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## LEADER PREP

## CONVERSATION GUIDE

### BOTTOM LINE

God uses service to grow our faith.

### SCRIPTURE

Matthew 14:14-19 NIV

### GOAL OF SMALL GROUP

To help students understand the way serving others can benefit their lives and grow their faith.

### THINK ABOUT THIS

Even though middle schoolers may seem selfish in this phase, they actually really want to help others, but oftentimes feel ill-equipped to do so. It's not that they don't see the needs around them; it's that they're not sure how to do anything about those needs! They simply don't know what to do on their own. That's why participating in service opportunities as a Small Group is so important for middle schoolers. It's a great way for them to see firsthand what they have to give to meet the needs they see around them.

This guide is a suggestion, not a formula. Adjust the questions and activities as needed, and don't feel like you need to do, or ask, everything you see here.

### JUST FOR FUN

What's your hidden talent?

### DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

**We have some pretty awesome talent in this group, don't we? Whether we realize it or not, God has given us all specific gifts and talents He wants us to use to serve others.**

1. On a scale of 1 to 10, how much do you enjoy serving other people? (1–don't like it at all, 10–love it)
2. What are some reasons most middle schoolers give for not serving others?
3. What's the difference between empathy and compassion?
4. How might having compassion impact someone else?
5. Why does serving others grow your faith?
6. What are some ways you can serve others in your everyday life?
7. What are some ways you can serve others outside of your everyday life?
8. This week, what's one thing you can do to take a step toward serving in one of those places?

### XP (EXPERIENCE)

Challenge your few to get involved with the service-related project your Ministry Leader told you about before group. Use this time to come up with a plan for how your Small Group will meet that need. Then, do it together!