



SMALL GROUP LEADER GUIDE

Mine / Week 1

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BOTTOM LINE

Strong faith is about doing, not just knowing.

SCRIPTURE

*"Therefore everyone who **hears these words of mine and puts them into practice** is like a wise man who built his house on the rock. The rain came down, the streams rose, and the winds blew and beat against that house; yet it did not fall, because it had its foundation on the rock. But everyone who **hears these words of mine and does not put them into practice** is like a foolish man who built his house on sand. The rain came down, the streams rose, and the winds blew and beat against that house, and it fell with a great crash" (Matthew 7:24-27 NIV, emphasis added).*

GOAL OF SMALL GROUP

To help students understand that beyond showing up at church and hearing information, they can move their faith forward by putting what they hear into practice.

THINK ABOUT THIS

Leaders—at this phase high schoolers think like philosophers. So as they ask WHY doing is so important (compared to knowing), some students may be tempted to connect their salvation to the way they behave. Be careful not to mix "works" with "salvation" as you lead your students this week.

CONVERSATION GUIDE

Create meaningful conversation. Adjust the questions as needed, and don't feel like you need to answer all of them.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. What's one thing your mom, dad, or guardian still do for you that you know you could do on your own?
2. Some people know better but don't do better. How have you seen that lead to problems?
3. In your own words, what do you think it means to grow in your faith?
4. What are some reasons why we don't make growing in our faith a priority?
5. Jesus said, "Everyone who hears these words of mine and does not put them into practice is like a foolish man who built his house on sand." What's an example of something you've heard or read in the Bible, but have not done yet?
6. Growing your faith might be easier than you think. What's one thing you would like to start doing this week to help you grow your faith?

TRY THIS

Leaders—pay attention to the "one thing" your students want to start doing in the last question. Check in with your students later this week to see how they're doing taking their next step.