



SMALL GROUP LEADER GUIDE

Mine / Week 2

PRELUDE

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BOTTOM LINE

If you want a faith of your own, you can't build it alone.

SCRIPTURE

Walk with the wise and become wise, for a companion of fools suffers harm (Proverbs 13:20 NIV).

GOAL OF SMALL GROUP

To help students understand the role that other people play in their faith, and to encourage them to look for people who will help move their faith forward.

THINK ABOUT THIS

Leaders—high schoolers feel like adults, even if they aren't. And suggesting that they need "real" adults to guide them can feel a little offensive. As you have this conversation, try to avoid language that suggests adults know things students don't (even if it's true) and focus on how adults may have insight on situations because they've been fifteen before or they've been high school seniors before. One helpful phrase may be, "You need someone who has gone before you to be there FOR you."

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. Have you ever seen someone hanging out with people who do foolish things? If so, do you think it impacted them in a positive or negative way?
2. Who has had the biggest impact on your life, good or bad?
3. How can you benefit from an older, wiser person's input in your life?
4. Proverbs 27:17 says, "As iron sharpens iron, so one person sharpens another." Do you feel like you have friends who are sharpening you and making you better?
5. How can you become more intentional about having the right kind of relationships?
6. How can this group sharpen each other and make each other better?

TRY THIS

Leaders—before you wrap up, spend a few minutes helping your students brainstorm a few names of older, wiser people they can talk to about life this week. It doesn't have to be structured or intense. The goal is simply to help students take that first step and have a conversation with someone who can help them grow in their faith. If your students don't know how to reach out to that older, wiser person, text this to them as a helpful template:

Hey. You may know I'm in high school. As I figure out this phase of life, I realize that I'm going to need some wisdom and encouragement from people a little farther down the road than me. In other words, I need a team. I need a few trusted adults, who make wise decisions in their own life and care about mine that will check in occasionally and chat with me about life. Would you consider meeting up for coffee?