



SMALL GROUP LEADER GUIDE

Mine / Week 3

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BOTTOM LINE

There's a direct connection between growing and serving.

SCRIPTURE

Jesus replied, "They do not need to go away. You give them something to eat." "We have here only five loaves of bread and two fish," they answered. "Bring them here to me," he said. And he directed the people to sit down on the grass. Taking the five loaves and the two fish and looking up to heaven, he gave thanks and broke the loaves. Then he gave them to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the people. They all ate and were satisfied, and the disciples picked up twelve basketfuls of broken pieces that were left over (Matthew 14:16-20 NIV).

GOAL OF SMALL GROUP

To help students understand how serving is connected to a growing faith, and to help them to overcome their excuses to serving.

THINK ABOUT THIS

Leaders—one key indicator that a student will continue their faith in college is whether they were entrusted to serve in high school. At this phase it's vital that we help high schoolers find meaningful places to serve others alongside adults and other students so that they can see their faith in action.

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 are some things we make time for, no matter what? (e.g. playing video games, hanging out with friends, or spending time with boyfriends/girlfriends)
2. What are some things that you need to get done but make excuses about?
3. Everybody thinks serving is a good idea. But why is it so difficult to actually go out and serve?
4. Why do you think serving and growing your faith are connected?
5. Serving doesn't always have to be formal or even done through an organization. What are some ways you can serve in your everyday life?
6. What's one area of need (an area where people serve) that you feel strongly about?
7. Share with the group one way that you can take a step in serving in that area. Is there anything that is holding you back from taking that step this week?

TRY THIS

Leaders—if some of your students serve in your church, ask them to share how it has impacted them.