



SMALL GROUP LEADER GUIDE

The Chase / Week 3

LEADER PREP

CONVERSATION GUIDE

BOTTOM LINE

Chasing Jesus means sharing Him with them.

SCRIPTURE

Philip found Nathanael and told him, "We have found the one Moses wrote about in the Law, and about whom the prophets also wrote—Jesus of Nazareth, the son of Joseph." "Nazareth! Can anything good come from there?" Nathanael asked. "Come and see," said Philip (John 1:45-46 NIV).

GOAL OF SMALL GROUP

To help students realize that one of the best ways to share Jesus is to live a life that reflects the way He lived and treated other people.

THINK ABOUT THIS

As we talk about the importance of being a Jesus-follower who is "likeable," it may seem to contrast with another idea: that students shouldn't care what others think. In this phase, students are often looking for black and white answers, which can lead them to wonder: "Which is it?" Be likeable or don't care what people think? When these kinds of tensions come up, lead your students toward the understanding that the answer is, in a way, both. We should care about being likeable people who live a life that draws positive attention toward Jesus and while not being controlled by other peoples' views or opinions of us.

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 concert or sporting event you could not turn down if someone—maybe even someone you didn't really like—invited you to it?
2. What makes you want to go to something you've been invited to? What makes you NOT want to go? (*Leaders—steer the conversation toward the fact that the PERSON who invited us plays a big role in whether or not we want to attend something.*)
3. What are the things you think drew people toward Jesus and made them want to spend time with Him?
4. What are some ways you've seen Christians act that would make them easy to dismiss in a conversation about Jesus?
5. Even the people who didn't agree with Jesus were often drawn to Him. What makes someone likeable, even though sometimes you may not agree with them?
6. What's one thing you can start this week to become someone who's more likeable? What's one thing you can do this week to become someone who's more reliable and dependable?

TRY THIS

Leaders—pass out the "Changing the Chase" handouts and pens. Walk your students through the handout, giving them a few minutes to answer each of the three questions. To introduce the handout, you could say something like this:

"All of us have a story to tell! Whether we've been chasing after Jesus our entire lives or are still trying to figure things out, we all have a story of 'changing the chase.' And that story might not only help us see part of the story God is writing in our lives, but also help us realize that we have something to share that could be an encouragement to the people around us."