



One Thing

What are some things "on your plate" right now?

1. Life is full of good things.

Luke 10:38-40

2. Good things can distract you from the best things.

Luke 10:41-42

3. Good things don't last. The best thing does.

John 11:21-24

4. Life leaves you with nothing. Jesus gives you everything.

DRIVE IT HOME:

Jesus changes everything.



SMALL GROUP TIME

1. What's something about you that most people don't know?
Be ready to share a fun fact about yourself!
2. Life is full of good things. What are some "good things" in your life right now?
Challenge every student to share one thing. Be sure to join in and share something yourself.
3. What was Martha distracted by in Luke 10:38-40? How can some of the good things in your life become a distraction? Be specific!
She was distracted by serving Jesus and his disciples. If that was true of them, just about any good thing in our life can become a distraction too.
4. What do you think it means that "life leaves you with nothing, but Jesus gives you everything"?
Every single treasure and achievement in this life will eventually fade away. But what Jesus gives—forgiveness, hope, and life—lasts forever.
5. What is the purpose of small group time? What does it look like to contribute toward that goal? What does it look like to get in the way of that goal?
Summarize it in three words and have the students repeat after you: "Talk about faith." Invite students to share examples of contributing toward and hindering that goal. Set clear expectations for what will happen if someone isn't meeting expectations.
6. What is the purpose of large group time? What does it look like to contribute toward that goal? What does it look like to get in the way of that goal?
Purpose: "Listen to God's Word."

Share with students how closing prayer time will work. Most groups read the Evening Prayer printed below or take prayer requests. Before you pray, tell what happens after the prayer:

1. Clean up the space and stack chairs. Don't push or drag chairs along the carpet.
2. Walk to the front door, being quiet if other groups are still finishing up.
3. Walk while in the parking lot, watching for cars.
4. Come back next week!

Evening Prayer

I thank you, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, your dear Son,
that you have graciously kept me this day.
Forgive me all my sins, and graciously keep me this night.
Into your hands I commend my body, and soul, and all things.
Let your holy angel be with me, that the wicked foe may have no power over me.
Amen.



Name: _____

Kickoff Night

Small Group Expectations

In order to make small group time as awesome as possible, we're asking each student to do their best with the expectations listed below. We'll give patient reminders as needed!

As a member of this group, I agree to help create a safe and distraction-free environment where everyone can join the conversation as we talk about faith.

That means I will...

- **Respect others.** Listen when someone else is talking.
- **Stay positive.** Build others up instead of putting them down.
- **Be honest.** Share my thoughts, but do it in a way that is kind.
- **Stay focused.** Keep side conversations, phones, and jokes out of the way during discussion.
- **Protect the group.** What's shared here stays here, unless it's unsafe.

That also means I won't...

- Talk over people or make it hard for others to share.
- Use hurtful or disrespectful words.
- Distract others with jokes, phones, or side conversations.
- Share other people's personal stories outside the group.

Signed: _____

Date: _____

