

Youth Group Small Group Ministry (February 8, 2015)

Topic: Popular Music (co-created by Precious Mitchell)

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Opening Words & Chalice Lighting

“I’m not afraid to take a stand, everybody come take my hand. We’ll walk this road together through the storm, whatever weather cold or warm, just letting you know you’re not alone.”

- Lyrics from ‘Not Afraid’ by Eminem

Purpose: We come together to build connections and to talk about what deeply matters.

Reading of Group Covenant

Golden rule: Treat others how you want to be treated

Respect each other

No side talking

No phones except for time check

Don’t take someone else’s seat if they called 5’s

Get outside together

When someone is breaking the Covenant, we’ll say “Wyoming.”

Check-In: Each person shares how they are doing.

Activity: Each person takes a turn humming or whistling a popular song and the others try to guess it.

Questions

- ⤴ What is your favorite band these days, and why?
- ⤴ The lyrics to a song can be very powerful. Can you quote a favorite song lyric and say what meaning it has for you?
- ⤴ Does the beat and rhythm of music affect your mood; can you give an example?

Check-Out & Confidentiality Check: Is there anything that you shared here today that you would like to be held confidential? Otherwise this is a reminder that we treat each others' sharing with kindness and respect.

Closing: “Music is a moral law. It gives soul to the universe, wings to the mind, flight to the imagination, and charm and gaiety to life and to everything.”

-- Plato (428-348 BCE-estimated), Greek Philosopher