

SMALL GROUP LEADER GUIDE

Explained / Week 3

BEFORE GROUP

BOTTOM LINE

When it comes to the Bible, we read it because God is in it.

SCRIPTURE

All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness (2 Timothy 3:16 NIV).

GOAL OF SMALL GROUP

To help students understand how and why the Bible is useful and applicable in their lives.

THINK ABOUT THIS

At this phase some teenagers have a variety of experiences and varying levels of interest in Scripture. Some may enjoy Scripture. Some may have tried it and not found any value at all, and some may have never read a single verse. Do not get discouraged if students aren't exactly excited about reading *anything* including the Bible. And remember, as leaders, our goal isn't to pour guilt on a teenager who isn't particularly interested or experienced, but to encourage a healthy curiosity when it comes to the Bible *and* to celebrate any small step a teenager makes to connect to God in a personal way.

Create meaningful conversations. Adjust the questions as needed, and don't feel like you need to answer all of them.

DURING GROUP

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. Who are the content creators you follow? Why do you follow them?
2. Why do we care about the people who create the content we watch? Why do you think they are the ones you follow?
3. How does knowing what God is like, as a Creator behind the content of the Bible, affect how you read the Bible?
4. What are the reasons we turn (or think we should turn) to the Bible? What are the reasons we don't read the Bible?
5. Paul tells us Scripture is God-breathed, and Genesis tells us God breathed into Adam and gave him life. Where God breathes, life follows. How have you seen life, in some way, come from Scripture?
6. How would reading the Bible make you feel closer to God?
7. Read 2 Timothy 3:16. What are some of the ways the Bible is helpful in your life?
8. In what ways have you experienced, firsthand or in other people's lives, ways the Bible has been helpful?
9. There are some things that you won't understand until you've tried it (a new TV show, the latest Starbucks drink, that new Tiktok dance challenge). Sometimes the Bible is like that. It's hard to see it's helpful until you try it. So, let's try this together. *(Note to the SGL: End your small group time by doing the TRY THIS in your group.)*

TRY THIS

This week, encourage your students to read Psalm 139 on their own. At different points of the week follow up with your students asking the following questions.

1. What was a word or phrase that stood out to you from the passage?
2. Why might that word or phrase be important to you right now?
3. What could God be inviting you to based on that word or phrase?

Head to the YouVersion Bible plan that goes along with this series, and send out a verse to the students in your group each week, encouraging them to head to YouVersion and go through the plan together as a group.