

Week Four: November 7th, 2021

Theme: **Because of Jesus, We can connect to God**

Scripture Reference: John 15:15

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Discussion Questions:

1. In your own definition, what does it mean to be vulnerable?

- I encourage you to share your own definition of what it means to you to be vulnerable as well and give examples of what it looks like. Maybe even discuss what it may look like to be vulnerable in relationships in their lives. The point of this question is to get them to be transparent in hopes that they feel more comfortable being vulnerable with God.

2. Does it feel hard to talk to God about what's going on in your life? What does talking with him look like for you?

- If it helps them open up more, discuss your experience and journey with what it was like when you first started talking to God and how it looks for you now. I think it's encouraging and allows the youth to feel like they're not alone or that someone has also gone through what they may have felt.

3. Why might God want you to conform to the example of Jesus?

- I think it's important to know that Jesus's life is loyalty at its finest. He lived in a way that showed God that he loved him. By studying Jesus we have an understanding that he did not conform to the world, he spread the gospel and led others to his father while being perfectly aligned with God's will for his life. He is truly the greatest example God gave us.

4. What are some distractions or restrictions in your life that stop you from following the example of Jesus?

- Encourage the youth to be open and honest about the things that distract them and maybe talk through ways to help prevent these obstacles from keeping them stagnant in this area. I would also note that by following the example of Jesus, it makes your relationship with God even stronger.

5. Read Matthew 4:18-22, would you be able to drop everything you once knew to follow Jesus?

- Think about the disciples and how they left everything they once knew in order to follow Jesus and bring them closer to God. Everything they ever knew from the past did not hold weight or even compared to how their lives would transform and be made new.

Encourage the youth to study the disciples and pay close attention to how they stayed close to Jesus and how that benefits their relationship with Christ.

6. If our goal as Christians is to become more like God, what are three things you could do to make sure you are on the path of becoming an imager of God?

- As Christians there are a lot of goals we have but I think one of the most important is making sure that we are living lives that are a reflection of Christ. I truly want you to work through ways the youth can become an imager of God. No matter how big or small, everything matters. Even if it's baby steps. We must remember to take it one day at a time. As long as we stay consistent and never give up, we remain on the beautiful journey of becoming more and more like God.

Bonus Material:

Finding your purpose - Steven Furtick

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=07-UkIZSwws>

Discovering Purpose- Bible Plan

<https://www.bible.com/en/reading-plans/20001>