

SMALL GROUP LEADER GUIDE

Everyday / Week 1

BEFORE GROUP

BOTTOM LINE

We can connect with God every day.

SCRIPTURE

“Teacher, which is the most important commandment in the law of Moses?” (Matthew 22:36 NLT)

Jesus replied, “‘You must love the Lord your God with all your heart, all your soul, and all your mind.’ This is the first and greatest commandment” (Matthew 22:37-38 NLT)

“Yes, I am the vine; you are the branches. Those who remain in me, and I in them, will produce much fruit. For apart from me you can do nothing” (John 15:5 NLT).

GOAL OF SMALL GROUP

To encourage students to see that they can connect with and grow in their relationship with God as part of their everyday lives.

THINK ABOUT THIS

This series is designed to help high school students develop some spiritual habits they can incorporate into their everyday lives. We want to show them some ways to make connecting with God a part of their everyday faith. As you talk to your students about these habits, be sure to do so with the end goal in mind: a relationship with God! We’re not here to give them a list of requirements—things they believe they have to do in order to be right or close to God. Rather, it’s about helping them grow in their relationship with God, maybe for the first time! We want them to develop and incorporate spiritual habits not because they think they *have* to but because they *want* to know God in a new, deeper way.

This guide is a suggestion, not a formula. Adjust the content as needed, and don’t feel like you need to complete everything listed.

DURING GROUP

DISCUSS THIS

1. X Who in your life do you know really well now? How did you get to know them better over time?
2. What do you think it means to know God?
3. What’s the difference between a requirement and a relationship?
4. Why do you think it’s easy to see getting to know God as more of a requirement than a relationship at times?
5. How has Jesus made a relationship with God possible for us?
6. What does it look like practically to connect with God?
7. How can connecting with God help us with our...
 - a. Relationships?
 - b. Habits?
 - c. Decisions?
 - d. Faith?
8. This week, what’s one step you can take to get to know and connect with God?

TRY THIS

As this series is all about connecting with God to grow in relationship with God, take time this week to connect with your students individually as a way to grow in relationship with them. Simple, one-on-one connection can go a long way in building your students' connection to you as well as their connection to this student ministry and their Small Group.
