

SMALL GROUP LEADER GUIDE

Everyday / Week 2

BEFORE GROUP

BOTTOM LINE

We can hear from God through Scripture every day.

SCRIPTURE

Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind (Romans 12:2a).

Blessed is the one who does not walk in step with the wicked or stand in the way that sinners take or sit in the company of mockers, but whose delight is in the law of the Lord, and who meditates on his law day and night (Psalm 1:1-2 NIV).

Finally, brothers and sisters, whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable—if anything is excellent or praiseworthy—think about such things (Philippians 4:8 NIV).

For we are God's handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do (Ephesians 2:10 NIV).

That person is like a tree planted by streams of water, which yields its fruit in season and whose leaf does not wither—whatever they do prospers (Psalm 1:3 NIV).

GOAL OF SMALL GROUP

To encourage students to listen for God's voice in their lives every day and to make a habit of listening for that voice, specifically in God's Word.

THINK ABOUT THIS

As you encourage students to listen for God's voice in Scripture this week, remember that reading the Bible can be intimidating. For those who have been walking with God and reading Scripture already, there is always something new to uncover. And for those new to faith or curious about giving the Bible a try for the first time, they may be unsure where to start or how to interpret what they're reading. Do your best to be available to your group as you challenge them to dive into Scripture this week. Be a source of encouragement, a safe place to ask questions and a friend who shares their own struggles and successes with finding God's voice in Scripture. Simply walking alongside them as they give this a try is a great way to let them know they're not alone in this or any part of their faith. After all, God uses others to speak to us, too, and God may just be using YOU to speak to your students about finding God's voice in the pages of God's Word.

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. On a scale of 1 to 10, how good of a listener would you say you are?
2. How can listening to someone else help you connect with them?
3. What do you think it means to listen to God? What are some ways God speaks to us?
4. What might make listening to God through Scripture challenging?
5. How do you think the Bible connects you to God?
6. How can listening to God's voice in the Bible impact...
 - a. Your thoughts?
 - b. Your choices?
 - c. Your relationships?
 - d. Your faith?
7. What's a good game plan for you to start reading and listening to God's voice in Scripture?
8. Who can you ask to help you give that game plan a shot this week?

TRY THIS

Create a worship playlist that helps you focus on listening to the truth about who God is and how God feels about you. Then, share it with your group to encourage them to make it simple for them to listen for God's truth every day. You can even encourage them to add their own songs to create a playlist that your entire group can speak into and listen to together.
