

WEEK 2

SMALL GROUP GUIDE



THIS WEEK

1. Choose one of these intro questions, or do both if you have lots of time:

If you were king or queen for a day, what would you do? Which rules would you want to make or break right away?

Or

What was the easiest decision you made today? What was the most difficult?

2. WHEN HAVE OTHERS PUT YOU FIRST? Now think about a time when someone else made a sacrifice for you. Maybe they . . .

- Always put you first because they're your parent.
- Did something difficult or uncomfortable to show you they loved you.
- Said or gave you something meaningful.

3. WHEN HAVE YOU PUT OTHERS FIRST? I know you've done it before! Take a moment to think about ways you've put others first in the past. Maybe you . . .

- Were the first to apologize.
- Didn't respond in anger — even when you had a really good comeback prepared.
- Chose to listen instead of speak.

4. HAVE YOU PLACED GOD FIRST? Remember that putting God first AND others first might sound contradictory, but they go together. You can't do one without the other.

- Do you feel a tug on your heart? Do you feel something pulling you closer to God?
- Do you need help from somebody else to take the next step? That's totally ok, because a life of faith in God is a process. Who are you going to ask for help?
- If you have placed God first already, what are you doing to keep God first?
- If you're not quite comfortable yet talking about it tonight, you might be more comfortable using the new prayer wall as a next step.

Other questions you could use to fill in as appropriate:

- Do you think a rule or boundary has ever protected you from danger or regret? Tell us about it.
- Can you think of a time when someone made a decision that benefitted you instead of themselves? What do you think we can learn from them?
- What's one way you have power or influence over others?
- Think about a fight you've had with a friend or family member. During the fight, in what ways did you both break God's "law of love"? When you resolved it, what sacrifices did you both make for each other?
- This week, what's one way you're going to make decisions that benefit others instead of yourself? How does that make you free?