

SMALL GROUP LEADER GUIDE

Too Cool for Jesus?

BEFORE GROUP

BOTTOM LINE

We should be living a life that is filled with service and love; rather than trying to fit in and be cool!

SCRIPTURE

John 5:1-9, Galatians 6:1-4, and Matthew 7:7-8

GOAL OF SMALL GROUP

To help students understand the importance of bearing one another's burdens just as Christ bears ours!

THINK ABOUT THIS

This talk may bring up some great areas of hurt and pain that your students have. Make sure that your group is a safe place and reiterate the importance of keeping what is said in the group confidential. Also, think of ways as a group that you can bear one another's burdens and Be Jesus to those around you! Get as specific as students and time will allow. We need each other in order to get through the horrible situations we face in this world.

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. What are some ways that you have tried to fit in and be cool, but you regretted how you acted later?
2. What's something that you struggle with that nobody would guess or identify?
3. Why do you think more students aren't open and honest with their struggles?
4. Why do you think that Jesus asked the paralytic if he wanted to be made well in John 5:1-9?
5. The paralytic's life was completely changed in an instant? Has Jesus changed your life like that? Why or Why not?
6. What do you think it means to bear one another's burdens, and how can we do this without falling into temptation ourselves?
7. The Bible says that it is not good for us to do life alone, what ways can your YTH LIFE group help you live a life that is full of Jesus? What are some ways that they can help you with your burdens?

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TRY THIS

Follow up with students this week who let you know they were struggling with a particular burden. Remember, your job isn't to judge, shame, or condemn, but to encourage and cheer for them as they grow in their faith.