



LEADER PREP

Influencer Week Two

CONVERSATION GUIDE

GET THINGS STARTED

1. What are some things people in this world do to be noticed by others?
2. Looking back on this week, what is one way you noticed someone living out their faith in Jesus?
3. What are some things that can make a person difficult to love?

THE BIG IDEA

The world is yearning to be loved.

GOAL OF SMALL GROUP

To help students see the value and the power of loving people, specifically when it's hard. Let's look beyond those who love us, and love those who God has put in our paths.

THINK ABOUT THIS

It's easy for us to think that people have a clear understanding of what love is. The reality is our understanding of love varies from person to person. You have an opportunity tonight to help teenagers see that they are loved by God no matter what they do, and as a result of that they can love others in the same way.

ONE MORE THING

Stay focused on the goal. Work to avoid sidetracking away from action steps toward loving others. Consider the influence these students will have in this world if they take this teaching to heart!

IN THE WORD

1. Read Matthew 5:44-47 as a group. See if you can make ten observations from this passage. (SGL Note: If they read verse 48 and ask about "being perfect" know the word there means *complete*. It's more about being a mature and complete person than a person without defect.)
2. What does Jesus say in these verses about loving someone who loves you? What does He mean?
3. In verse 47 Jesus says *what are you doing more than others?* What do you think He means by that?

MAKE IT PERSONAL

1. Building off the previous questions, what does it look like for a person your age to *do more than others* when it comes to loving people?
2. What are some things that keep people from showing love to someone?
3. Pastor Kyle talked about Jesus being our motivation and example of how to love others. What are some specific ways Jesus' love motivates us and shows us the example?
4. Do you think it's true that people are yearning to be loved? Explain why you think the way you do.
5. Who is someone in your life that God is prompting you to show love to? How can you do that this week?