



# LEADER GUIDE

DON'T BE DIFFERENT ALONE

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## A STEP OF FAITH

### THE POINT

God wants us to step out in faith for His cause and purpose. This means actually taking action towards what God has called us to do without necessarily knowing what the outcome will be.

### LEADER NOTES

Tonight is a night to get your students inspired and ready to take steps of faith!

### GROUP CHALLENGE

Have each student commit to taking a step of faith this week—big or small.

### YOUVERSION BIBLE PLAN

How to Share Your Faith

### SCRIPTURE

**Matthew 14:28-33**

(read with students during discussion)

**Daniel 3:16-18 (NIV)**

*“Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego replied to him, “King Nebuchadnezzar, we do not need to defend ourselves before you in this matter. If we are thrown into the blazing furnace, the God we serve is able to deliver us from it, and he will deliver us from Your Majesty’s hand. But even if he does not, we want you to know, Your Majesty, that we will not serve your gods or worship the image of gold you have set up.”*

### SMALL GROUP QUESTIONS

CHOOSE THE BEST ONES FOR YOUR GROUP.

#### GET GOING: ICEBREAKERS/ACTIVITIES/HANG OUT TIME

- How’s your week going?
- What stood out to you from the message?
- Do you ever use the phrase “What’s the worst that could happen?” or have you ever yelled YOLO before doing something? Was “faith” anywhere on your mind in those moments?

#### GET TALKING: DISCUSSION/CONVERSATION

- When was the last time you took a risk? What did you do? What made it risky?
- What’s a risk you wish you would have taken in the past?
- What does faith mean to you? Do you usually think of the word risk when you think of the word “faith”? Do they go together? Why or why not?

#### GET SPIRITUAL: BIBLE VERSES/SPIRITUAL APPLICATIONS

- In tonight’s message, Elijah talked about Peter walking on water. Read **Matthew 14:28-33**. What role did faith play in Peter’s experience?
- What role did fear play in Peter’s experience?
- If you were on the boat, how would you have felt to see Peter walk on water?
- What was Jesus’ response to Peter when he started to sink?
- Elijah talked about our doubt and how it can affect your willingness to take a step of faith. Have you ever had doubts? Do you have any questions about them? How do you think you can still take a step of faith even with your doubts?
- Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego said, “but even if He does not [save us from the furnace], we want you to know...that we will not serve your gods or worship the image of gold you have set up.” Do you think you would have said the same thing in their shoes? Why or why not? How can we have a faith like theirs?

#### GET PRACTICAL: ACTION STEPS

(Leaders: Get your students’ contact info so that you can follow up with them this week.)

- What is one small step of faith you can take this week? Text the group or update us at the next week once you’ve taken the risk and let us know how it went.
- What is one big step of faith you can take in the next few weeks? (Challenge your students to take the risk of inviting someone new to small group before the end of the semester.)

#### GET PRAYING

- Pray specifically for students to increase their faith in God and to let that faith be evident in their lives. Pray for them to build their faith by taking steps and trusting God.
- Pray for anything else students might need prayer for.
- Either have a leader pray, a student pray, or students pray for each other.