



LEADER GUIDE

DON'T BE DIFFERENT ALONE

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SUNDAY'S COMING

THE POINT

God will make every wrong right.

LEADER NOTES

Tonight, students will get the chance to reflect on the truth that God is good, even during life's most challenging circumstances. We are combating the lie that life with Jesus means an easy life. Instead we are leaning into the truth that life with Jesus gives us unconditional hope even in the hard times.

GROUP CHALLENGE

Each student will have a reflection card to fill out during the message. Have your students add one statement to the bottom of their reflection card that is true about God regardless of their situation.

YOUVERSION BIBLE PLAN

How to Follow Jesus

SCRIPTURE

John 16:33 NIV

"... In this world you will have trouble. But take heart! I have overcome the world."

Revelation 21:4-5 NIV

"He will wipe every tear from their eyes. There will be no more death or mourning or crying or pain, for the old order of things has passed away." He who was seated on the throne said, "I am making everything new!" Then he said, "Write this down, for these words are trustworthy and true."

SWITCH GROUP QUESTIONS

CHOOSE THE BEST ONES FOR YOUR GROUP.

GET GOING: ICEBREAKERS/ACTIVITIES/HANG OUT TIME

- What is Easter? Do you have any Easter traditions?
- What stood out to you from the message?
- Which student story stood out the most for you? (Lori lost a friend in a car accident; Christian's plans for a promising football career changed; Kallee faced cancer.)
- Ask if anyone wants to share from their reflection card.

GET TALKING: DISCUSSION/CONVERSATION

- Technically, if we were one of the 12 disciples, tonight would have been one of our final nights with Jesus before His death. If you were a disciple at the time and Jesus kept saying things like "I'm going to die soon" or "The time is coming," how would you respond to your friend Jesus?
- In your life, do you relate to Jesus more as a friend, a revolutionary leader, or a redeemer?
- Have you ever lost someone you were close to? (*Don't pressure students to share, but make space if they care to share.*) How did you/are you handling it? Did it have any impact on your faith in God?
- What's something hard you've had to go through? What helped you get through it?
- What did you learn about the three disciples mentioned?

GET SPIRITUAL: BIBLE VERSES/SPIRITUAL APPLICATIONS

- Read **John 16:33 NIV** printed on this guide. What does this verse mean?
- What does Jesus mean when He says He has overcome the world?
- Are there wrongs in the world you wish were being made right? What are they?
- Read **Revelation 21:4-5 NIV** printed on this guide. How can this verse give us hope?
- Can God be trusted? How do you know?

GET PRACTICAL: ACTION STEPS

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

- Challenge students to invite someone to Life.Church with them for the upcoming official Easter weekend.
- Ask students how they handle life's toughest situations (divorce, death, pain, rejection, etc.) and if their view of God changes during hard times.
- Have students consider their futures. One day we all will face a huge challenge, one way or another. Challenge students to decide now how they will view God during those times. As a group come up with a sentence, a verse, or a one-line prayer to rely on in those times. i.e. "God, you are trustworthy even during my struggle."

GET PRAYING

- Pray for students to understand that being a Christian doesn't take away every trouble. It equips us with the power of Jesus and God's love so that we never face any challenge alone.
- Pray for anything else students might need prayer for.
- Either have a leader pray, a student pray, or students pray for each other.